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ENEMIES "WITHIN" ENEMIES "WITHOUT"

Cultural nationalism is a trick used by the black bourgeoisie and the children of the bourgeoisie. They tell brothers to love everything black and to have an undying love for blacks, while they jockey for positions, executive positions on Richard Nixon's black capitalist program. It is our duty as revolutionaries, as members of the lumpen proletariat (field niggers). We have to detour our brothers from the corner of reactionary nationalsim.

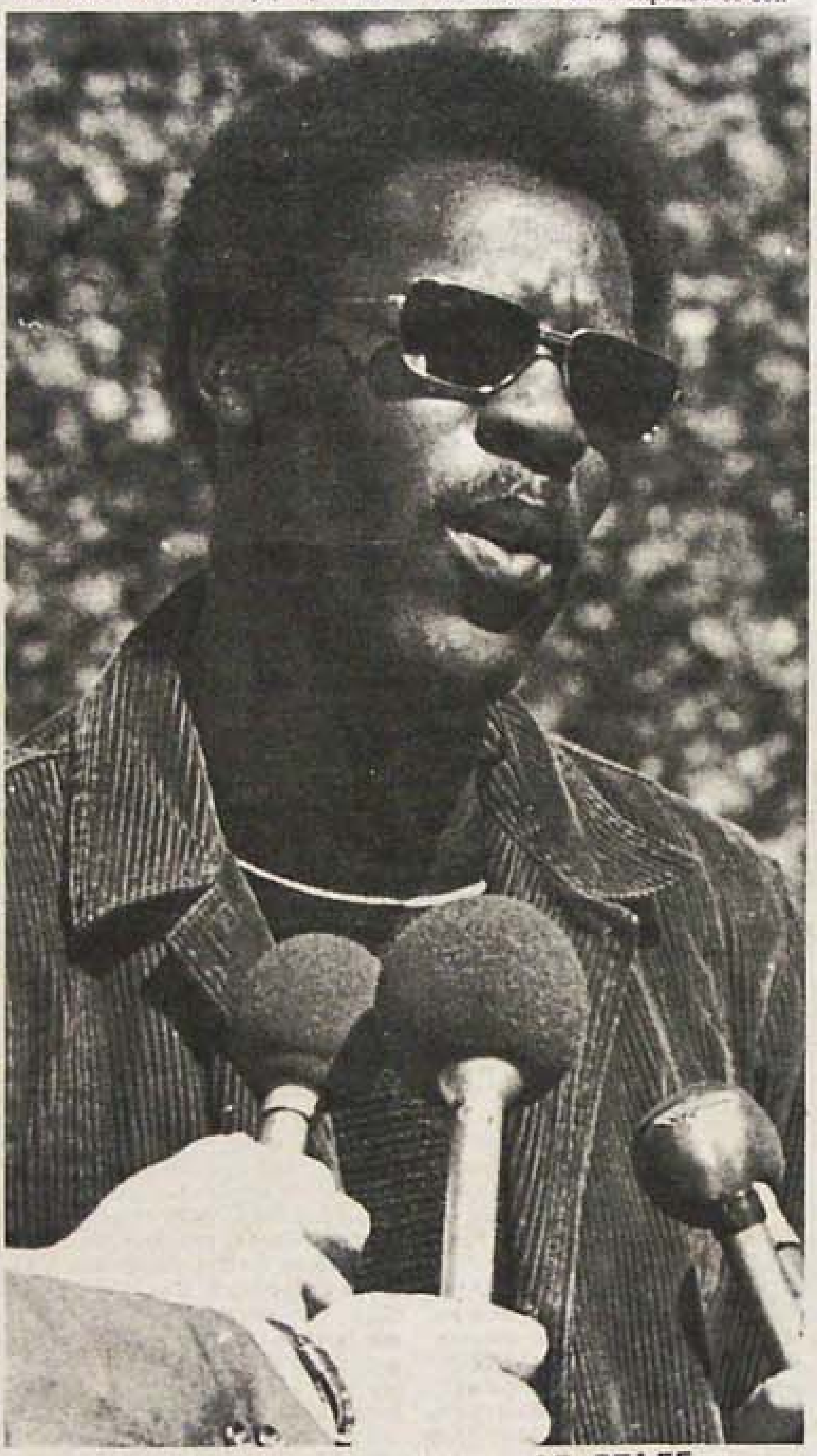
This means we have to out-talk the insanity that's propagated by the cultural nationalists, we have to out-organize them, even if it means returning to kicking their asses, knocking them in the head or physically eliminating them. We used to do these things, we used to whip them at parties, we used to jump on them in the streets, we used to jump on them in the movie shows, we used to whip them at school, we used to fight them and we used to let them know that we were dissatisfied with their class positions, because we were somehow aware that the way that they existed was quite different from the way that we existed, in the sense that the communities that they lived in were always classified as the 'saditty' community, that was an expression that we used to use.

As we grew up we sort of sophisticated our minds, our way of talking and our ideas, and we graduated to the level of consciousness so that we can refer to those people as a member of a particular class and that class is the black bourgeoisie. But in those days those brothers were hard to find in our communities, unless they were coming down trying to find just what it was like really to be a nigger. They're not so very hard to find now, they can easily be found at the end of every deal that guarantees the oppressive system of capitalism. But what they do, they sanctify capitalsim and they think that they legitimatize capitalism by using a detonator, a very explosive detonator that still engenders and speeds up a plot for genocide against members of our Party in particular and concentration camps for other organizations and individuals that demand an end to the exploitation of man by man.

Whereas the system of Socialism guarantees full employment for its people, it guarantees better housing conditions, it guarantees education, education that gives full play to the energies of individuals so that they can cope with the scientific system of Socialism. Cultural nationalism which is just a euphemism for capitalism, insures and it continues the exploitation of black people by black people who act as the ruling class dictates. They become the best insurance, or they become a hoop around the barrel of a dying system or a very rapidly decaying system. They become the best insurance for the system that's on its way out and the only way that, that system can survive would be geared to creating a vulturistic, back-stabbing program such as the program that Richard Nixon has put together and thrown out for black capitalists to fight and to exterminate members of our Black Panther Party; that way they maintain high economic positions, exploiting blacks, whites, browns, yellows or whatever category or ethnic group people happen to fall into.

So here it should be made very clear that the murders of Black Panther Party members by the black tanton macoute, the US organization, this is also a part of the plan of the continuation of Nixon's program referred to as black capitalism. The cultural nationalists take the position that capitalism isn't bad, it was only bad because blacks never had a chance to excel or that they never had a chance to reap the benefit of their labor, which is only a euphemism, which are only very sharp words, words used to dissuade and to confuse people so that people like members of our Party people like members of the oppressed class will latch on to the wings of this vulturistic foul program that Nixon has concocted and put together. They would latch on to this and that this would continue the system; but it would only change faces, the oppressor would no longer be in our communities but rather he would control our communities from outside and this is referred to as neo-colonialism, the oppressor would in reality be just another black capitalist, the oppressor and the methods that they would use in order to maintain the system of exploitation would be much more horrifying, it would be much more repressive and that I think that one experience that we've learned through study, in order to assure us not to fall into the perfidious, nefarious trap laid out by the plutocrats and the capitalists of Babylon would be to focus our attention towards the struggle that's now going on in Haiti under the foulest dictator of all, a man by the name of Duvalier "Poppa Doc".

So relating to that situation and relating to our situation right here in Babylon we can begin to see that the ultimacy of black capitalism could only create oppressors like the oppressor in Haiti, and that the oppressor is very shrewd in that manner because racism, black racism, cultural nationalism, black capitalism all these things are just the ingredients, just the kind of ingredients that's necessary to create a Haiti within the black communities of America, and this would not hinder the system as it is, this would not hinder the system of capitalism because capitalism would be allowed to exist and it would exist at the expense of continued black suffering.



DAVID HILLIARD CHIEF OF STAFF

So these are things that we have to be concerned about, these are things that we have to talk about, and the only language the only systems that are able to withstand and implement a people's revolution, are the systems and the people that relate to Marxism-Leninism, and the scientific system of Socialism whereas the people have the power. There's dictatorship of the people and they do not have a ruling class manifest in a high official sometimes referred to as Presidents, or as Chairmans or whatever categories they put them into, these people are not dictates but rather the masses are dictates and these people are able to maintain a system that would benefit all the people in that particular country. So that the fascist power structure of America, their intentions are to imprison, to murder, and silence the voice of the Party that speaks in the idiom of the suffering and exploitated masses.

So the struggle on the ideological level, it becomes very important in order to immortalize the revolution and to prepare the people for the eventuality of the seizure of power. And I don't mean education in the abstract sense of long rapping and standing on the corner and waving our hands and swaying and trying to style, I don't mean that kind of education, I mean the kind of education that has put America up against the wall the kind of education that was exemplified by the two courageous and the two most respected members of our Party, our Chairman Bobby Seale, and our Minister of Defense Huey P. Newton. And their education was education by example, and we have to continue to educate by example.

The work that we have cut out for us in our police petition, to control the pigs in our community we know that this is a very powerful weapon. This is a very powerful weapon because the control of the police in our communities would definitely mean that we control the guns in our communities, and to control the guns in our communities would insure the Black Panther Party a voice in the political realm.

When we get that kind of intelligence, when our minds have expanded and reached that level of consciousness, we're very sure that there can be no revolution unless there's some bloodshed because the pigs are definitely going to resist the people trying to take their jobs away from them. We wouldn't really be taking their jobs away from them; what we would be doing is civilizing the police, making the police responsible to the people, and making the police responsible for their actions. And their actions would not be the kind of actions that we're used to witnessing where we're always on the dead end of that action.

When I mentioned mind expansion I'm not talking about getting hung-up off of those barbituates that we call red devils (I think the medical name for those pills is called seconal). I'm not talking about your mind becoming blocked and niggers stumbling and drunk and slobbering at the mouth and fighting and killing one another, because this is very good for capitalism, it's become so evident now that all we have in the black community is red devils and poverty programs. And niggers that are trying to live at the expense of people losing their minds other than gaining their minds, I think that they too should be classified as an enemy against the people. So we have to be very concerned about all those things in the process of trying to wage an educational program that would be beneficiary to the masses of the people.

This brings to my mind George Sams. George Sams, I mean that this is the worst kind of enemy, a traitor, a paid informer and one way that you can focus in on the kind of people like George Sams is to read books like Harvey Matuso, read about the Rosenbergs, about all these kinds of individuals that were used to lie, to conspire against individuals, these people were working against political organizations, and that these were people that represented political points of view that were on the behalf of the people and that their ideas and their points of view were not in support of the system. So when you see black traitors, people who live by treason like rat catchers would by poison, you see, these are very treacherous people and these are people that have to be exposed and they could only be exposed if we're waging the right kind of educational programs. So anybody that supports this system can live within the framework of this system and they can engage in acts of illegitimacy such as selling those barbituates to the young people in our community, they can survive in this system by joining certain organizations that come under the political standards of the system like the US organization, the N.A A.C.P., the Black Muslims all of these organizations that's not talking about destroying the present structure.

So when they trump up charges and pull members of our Party off the street, when they kidnap us off the streets, lock us in their penitentiaries and put astronomical bails on us which is really ransom, then it becomes very clear to us that its not the Black Panther Party at all that's conspiring to commit criminal acts, it's all those individuals and organizations who remain silent and don't speak out and don't have a unity of action with our Party, it's those people who are the conspirators along with the master-minders of the plot for genocide, that they're all co-conspirators of the United States government and they engage in crimes of agression against black people. Because they have to make it clear, they have to let the world know what their position is because the world definitely knows that the Black Panther Party is fighting for and in the interest of the people.

And all those who support the United States government, who support Nixon's black capitalism program, a black capitalist program, and all those who befriend and harbor, all those who associate themselves with the US organization then it's a very clear line drawn between members of our Black Panther Party and those individuals who fraternize and who associate with traitors and puppets like the US organization. So that the US organization and George "Sambo" Sams are people's enemy number two.

So that individuals and organizations that were created purposely to destroy or to create a counter-revolution, we cannot make any distinction between them and the pigs that also maintain the exploitation and the suffering of our communities. Because in reality they're all pigs, they're all enemies to the people and we have to develop the kind of consciousness that would give us the energy and that would most certainly give us the courage to withstand and to eliminate those kind of forces. Because our Chairman Bobby Seale is a victim of a plot for genocide geared towards our Black Panther Party. Because that's most certainly what it is, they're talking about charging the man with crimes of murder, with crimes of kidnap and torture and the press has animalized the Black Panther Party to the extent, with their vilification of our Party, they've animalized us to the extent that the public or the people would accept that shit because they would see us as a deadly threat to the communities.

So that's the intent of the press and they've put a blockade on our Party, they've isolated our Party, and after the plans came up in Berkeley and the pigs admitted the plans were plans that they had drawn up to attack our office and to murder and wound (if there was any wounded left) anybody that occupied our office. So this is a very clear indication that they plan genocide on our Party and they're going to start setting that example with the people that they have arrested in Connecticut and our

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'CONTRADICTICTIONS BETWEEN THE OLD AND NEW'

We, your sons and daughters from the ages of 3 to 30 years (or should it be said from 1 to 30 years in some form or another?) have been marked by a lot of our parents and by society as trouble makers. This is mainly because we have not followed the red, white and blue pattern laid down by the system or because we do not respond to or accept the things that our parents feel and believe that we should. A large majority of parents feel as though the youth don't relate to suffering peacefully but when we make an honest effort to do something about the existing situation we are called "fools," "crazy" and "trouble makers."

Parents must understand that the youth aren't going for what the system is putting down and a large number of things that parents are taking the youth through, the youth doesn't dig either. How could parents expect us to relate to things right now that were hip years ago? Those things play such a small role in our lives today because those aren't the things we want nor believe in. We want freedom; we want the power to determine the destiny of our Black community.

Very sharp historical notes have been kept by us and our remembrances are filled with cold-blooded events that have been forced on the people whom we love so much. The will to do something about it rips at our throats and the truth won't let us turn our backs, knowing that we have to do something about what's going on here in Babylon today.

So, historically analysing things and coming up with the sum total of our analyses and digging how out of proportion things are, we make final decisions, dedications and commitments to change this wicked system that these fascist pigs have forced on the people.

In making these decisions we know, understand and accept the weight of our decisions. The youth understand the reason why there is need for complete change of this fascist system -- because the system is not meeting the people's basic needs. The people as a whole are suffering and we feel the many sufferings of the people, because we come from the people and we're part of the people and whatever hurts the people hurts us.

The youth accept the fact that "where there is a struggle there is sacrifice and death is a common occurrence." (Mao Tse Tung)

We accept the responsibility of holding ourselves responsible to the people in every word and every act and to serve them wholly, resolutely, completely and thoroughly.

And WE means: the sons and daughters who are already Panthers serving and meeting the people's needs, also the sons and daughters who want to become Panthers and whom their parents totally reject.

In rejecting what the youth wants, what we want, parents become very narrowminded and subjectively make an analysis and begin to put their subjective analysis into practice, instantly creating unfavorable conditions between the youth and themselves. These parents are failing to wage any kind of ideological struggle to see just where we are really coming from, failing to find out why we have these revolutionary feelings, why they exist in us.

All of this is very upsetting for parents, especially when their only concerns are for themselves and theirs and not the overall interest of the masses. Many parents have struggled hard to bring us up in a corrupt society thinking and believing that what they are doing and the way they are doing it is right, only to be highly disappointed when we chose to move against the corrupters and not relate to the systematic way of life. Many parents have sons and daughters who are dropping out of high school and college, the parents whose sons and daughters are quitting their jobs and the parents who have completely given up on their sons and daughters because we take no interest in this programmed society. The first thing we hear coming from our parents: "These kids must be going crazy. If we had the chances in our day that you all have now we wouldn't be in the situation that we're in today. If we hadn't been working or have had to work the least we would have gotten would have been an education."

This isn't good enough for the youth nowadays, because we want education for our people that exposes the true nature of this decadent American society. We want education that teaches us our true history and our role in this modern society.

"These kids just ain't gonna amount to nothing -- they ain't gonna make a damn thing out of themselves." And parents say all these things about us because we love the people and the Party.

We know it blows the minds of our parents when they see us do things that they never saw us do before -- such as getting up at 5 or 6 o'clock in the morning, going to the breakfast programs, serving the youth, going to liberation schools set up for the youth, selling Panther papers and passing out leaflets. To see it and know that we enjoy doing these things and doing them for the people (as selfish as some of us were). This is what it's all about.

The Black Panther Party is doing what we want to see done and that is to show the people the way out of this nonsense that we're in. Show the people that we have not been completely jammed yet and if we choose the revolutionary path and resist this dog, we'll bring about just what the Party is teaching and showing by example and that is change. The task is a selfless task and not a selfish one because we have much more than just our own personal interests at heart.

We who are already Panthers love it and we who want to become Panthers but our parents won't let us become Panthers love what the Party is doing and just as soon as we can, we are going to become Panthers. We know if the things are put intro practice that it takes to change this fascist society, then change will come. But as long as we sit around and create conditions to keep us from getting down to business, as long as we wait for Jesus to come on the set to square things up we'll be in the same shape people have been in for centuries -- and we youth ain't hardly going for it.

This is why we have decided to become revolutionaries and servants of the people, to break the old traditional things such as oppression and exploitation and standard things such as it being people of color who are oppressed and exploited.

All Power to the People
Al Carroll
Harlem Branch, B.P.P.



AL CARROLL OF HARLEM GIVES CORRECT INFO. TO PARENT IN COMMUNITY

OPEN LETTER TO CONCERNED PERSONNEL OF THE TOMBS

I've been told that many of you are indignant over my choice of words in a statement that I made concerning my husband's incarceration.

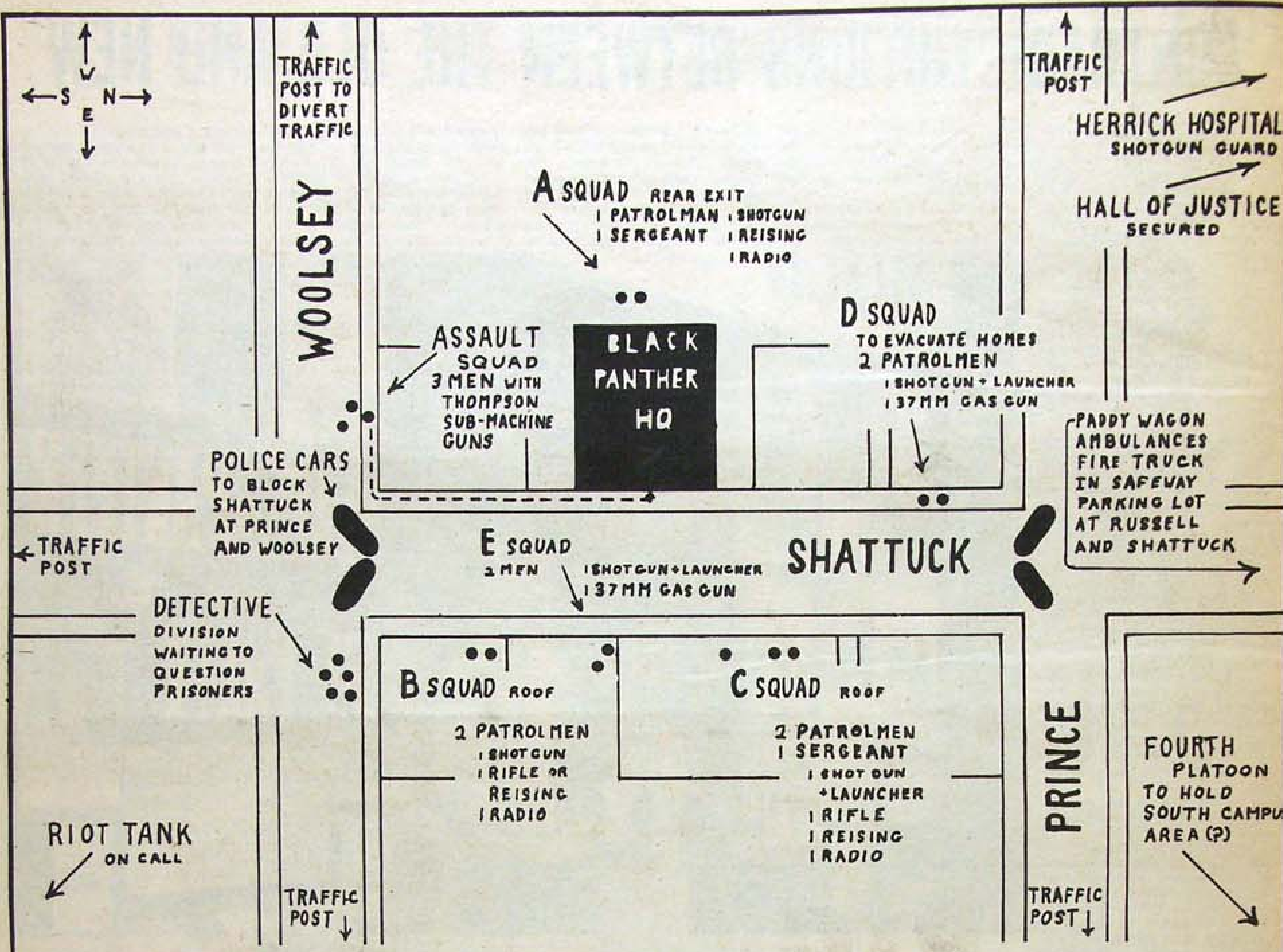
This is by no means a letter of apology, because I can never, with a clear conscience, retract anything that I've said. One should not have to apologize for the truth. This is, however, an attempt to explain, in your terminology, how I feel about the penal system.

First of all, I would like to say that my statement was not an attack on you as individuals but rather an attack on an entire system of which you are all a part. It would serve no useful purpose for me to attack individuals. Individuals do not oppress us. They are merely here to carry out orders and perform duties. They can be inter-changed; they can be replaced; and they will eventually pass on and be forgotten. But a System, such as the one we live under, does -- can -- and will exploit us forever, if we allow it to. It cannot and will not change on its own accord. It is up to us, the people, to change it.

In the past five months, my daily visit to the Tombs has brought me into repeated personal contact with many of you. As a result, I have been able to see you in two separate roles. As a group, you are merely the Department of Corrections, a cruel and vital organ of this Fascist System. As individuals, you are all separate and different, ranging from scornful to courteous from dim-witted to intelligent, from narrow-minded to open-minded. Some of you can be described as truly kind and compassionate human beings, but the majority of you most definitely are Pigs in the truest most subhuman sense of the word. It is primarily of this group that I spoke in my previous statement. They know exactly who they are. They are the personifications of this ugly system. They are the ones who take pleasure in harassing and brutalizing our brothers. They are filled with hatred, bitterness, contempt and sheer disregard for human life. They are the ones who, as my husband says, have "traded their souls for a badge." Little do they know, however, that their ugliness is a result of their oppression by that very system that they serve so faithfully. They have been so programmed, so indoctrinated and have become so much a part of the system that they must ultimately perish with it.

Many of you feel personally offended by being referred to as Pigs. Well, I too have been personally offended many, many times in the past months. I have been sneered at and ignored while trying to obtain information or leave for my husband; I have had articles of clothing thrown back at me while trying to leave them for him. I have been ignored and had gates slammed in my face; I have been denied the right to see him on several occasions. I have been searched before entering a public courtroom. I could go on and on, but I won't -- because I cannot allow these personal harassments to take priority over the fact that 21 young men and women, my husband included, are faced with the possibility of having to sacrifice as much as 74 years of their lives for a Lie -- A Frame up -- A Hoax, created by a decadent power structure in its dying efforts to suppress the rising fury of the people. Many of these young men, whose lives are in your hands, could be your sons or brothers. Many come from backgrounds similar to yours. They, too, were taught to believe and aspire to the "American Dream." But they found out very early that this dream was just a mirage. They are guilty of just one crime -- a sincere concern for the future of mankind. They have dedicated themselves to organizing, aiding, and enlightening the people. For this, they have been shown the ugliest reality of America -- the hot, overcrowded, rat infested, stinking prisons, where they are being kept under the worst possible conditions and being denied privileges that would be given to animals. There is no need for me to describe these conditions to you, because you know them better than I do. You are there and you help to create them. But after eight hours, you're able to walk out of the horrible rat hole and inhale the clean fresh air, go home to a clean comfortable house, a good meal, and a loving family. Our brothers in jail (and many on the streets) can't do this. Try imagining yourselves on the other side of the fence, and perhaps you'll realize that it's no big thing to be called a Pig.

Marva Berry



ARTIST'S RENDERING FROM PLANS

TRANSCRIPT OF ASSAULT PLAN

(The following is the complete, unaltered text of the attack plan

11 Pat
2 Sgt
1 Lt.

1. Assign covering officers to the front and rear of the building. **(Left-hand marginal note says: "ABLE - Sgt & Pat, BAKER - 1 Pat, CHARLIE - Sgt & Pat")**
   a. Two to cover the back

(6) b. four to cover the front (2 south front, 2 north front). **(Interline note says: "ABLE 1 shotgun 1 Reising Radio, BAKER 1 shotgun 1 Reising Radio, CHARLIE 1 shotgun 1 Reising Radio." After BAKER, the word "launcher" is crossed out. After CHARLIE, the word ".37mm" is crossed out.)**

2. These six men would hold position to keep offenders sealed inside building.
3. Evacuate wounded with covering officers laying down fire base.
4. Notify Captain of Patrol and Chief of Police, Ranking Officer of 4th
5. Notify ranking officer of Service Division to secure the H of J. **(Hall of Justice)**

* **(handwritten)** Notify DD **(Detective Division)** to stand by for questioning of prisoners & general investigation.

6. Request that Wagon, Ambulances and Fire truck to stand by in parking lot of Safeway Stores, Russell and Shattuck.

* **(handwritten)** Notify ACSO **(Alameda County Sheriff's Office)** - Request riot tank be sent.

7. Assign traffic posts to divert traffic around scene.
   a. Not assigned to fourth platoon.
8. Block Shattuck at Prince and at Woolsey with Police Cars.
   a. Use no flares and no personnel left in street.
9. Evacuate nearby homes as needed. **(Handwritten note says: "Squad DOG (2)")**
10. Order offenders to come out of building with hands up and lay on sidewalk in front of building. **(This item is circled)**
    a. Use bull horn or telephone. **(This item is crossed out)**
    b. If this fails. **(This item is crossed out)**

* **(handwritten)** ABLE CEASE FIRE EXCEPT AT DEFINITE TARGET.

11. Assign two man squad to front with shotgun (solid slugs) and armor piercing rifle to blast armour plate off upper windows. **(This item is either crossed out or partially underlined. Handwritten note says: "DOG 1 shotfun 1 37mm & launcher." The words "1 rifle" are crossed out.)**
12. Assign two man squad in front to launch gas through upper and lower windows. **(Handwritten note says, "EASY")**
    a. **(Words crossed out say: "One grenade launcher." Handwritten note says: "1. shotgun & launcher)**
    b. **(Words crossed out say: "One .37MM gas gun." Handwritten note says: "2. 37 MM Gas Gun")**

12. **(sic)** Order upper window shields to be shot out, and use OO buck shot to shoot out all lower windows. Use rifle slugs to try and knock open main front door. **(This item is either crossed out or partially underlined.)**
13. Notify HMH **(Herrick Memorial Hospital)** to stand by to receive wounded.
    a. Post shotgun guard at HMH. —Not fourth platoon.
14. Launch in considerable amount of gas and then again order offenders out by bull horn or telephone.
    a. Walk out front with hands up and then lay on sidewalk in front of building.
    b. If this fails
    (handwritten interline note says, "A B C D E")
15. Front and back guard lay down fire on second floor. Assault squad (three men) armed with sub-machine guns approach building from the south. As they approach all firing cease. Squad enter building through front broken out windows or doors.
    a. First man cover stairs and no firing unless target is presented.
    b. Next two men enter and move to left and to right center of ground floor. Fire 30 rounds each up through second story floor, and reload.
    c. By now all shutters should be blown off upper floor windows. The entire building should be flooded with tear gas. The entire upper floor should be covered with intense fire. This should have the necessary effect.
16. Order those able to walk down the inside stairs to the ground floor, covered by the assault squad. Then they will walk out to the sidewalk and lay face down.
    a. This will be done by bull horn and/or phone.
17. Front and rear covering squads remain in position until told to move.
18. Leave one front covering squad on roof and call the other one down to cover prisoners. Leave back squad in position.
19. Assault squad will then proceed upstairs and bring down the wounded and or dead.
20. Ambulance(s) will be called in from Russell and Shattuck to pick up wounded and/or dead.
21. Call back squad around to front to assist as needed.
22. One front squad will still remain on roof to cover any attack from the outside.
23. Call wagon down to pick up prisoners.
24. Fire truck called in if needed.
25. Back squad go to H of J to book in and question prisoners.
26. One front squad go to HMH to guard and question wounded.
27. One front squad will remain on roof until we are clear of area.
28. Assault squad search and confiscate evidence from building.
    a. Call in photographer. **(Handwritten note says: "Dig up back yard")**
29. After all others have gone, front squad pull out. This may take considerable time.
30. Assault squad go to H of J to package evidence, make notes, write reports.
31. Back squad at H of J write reports after booking and questioning.
32. Front squad leave HMH and write reports.
33. Remaining front squad leave area come to H of J and write reports.
34. Fourth Platoon Lieutenant and Sergeants meet to make sure that all has been covered.
35. Fourth Platoon Lieutenant and Sergeants brief staff.

(the remainder of the plan is handwritten)

ABLE — COVER BACK
(2) 1-shotgun & launcher
1 Pat 1-Reising
1 Sgt **(The words "1-rifle" crossed out)**
Radio

BAKER — COVER S-FRONT
2 Pat 1 shot gun
1 rifle or Reising
Radio

CHARLIE — COVER N-FRONT
(3) 1 shot gun & launcher
2 Pat 1 rifle
1 Sgt 1 Reising
Radio

DOG — COVER FRONT AFTER EVACUATION
2 Pat 1 shot gun & launcher
1 37 mm gas gun

ASSAULT — ENTER BUILDING
4 3 Thompsons
2 Pat or 2 Thompsons & 1 shotgun .00
1 Lt. Radio

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'THE OLD DAYS'

PIG PLANNED GENOCIDE

This plan by the Berkeley pig department to attack the National Headquarters of the Black Panther Party is authentic. It came recently from the desk of a high ranking Berkeley pig. It was revealed to the Black Panther Party by the Berkeley Tribe. At this stage the 35-step genocidal plan is very detail. Berkeley pig chief Bruce Baker and Capt. Charles Plummer, when shown photo-copies by the press, replied, "This is probably the work of a couple of our sergeants." They denied having ever seen the plans themselves. Pig chief Plummer said he had ordered the plans drafted, "a couple of months ago." He referred to them as "contingency plans" and said they were "good training." When asked by newsmen the reason for the plan, he mumbled faintly about police departments throughout the nation "having trouble with Panther Headquarters in their respective cities." They said they have such attack plans for 40 local organizations.

Pig departments across the United States are fairly uniform in their attitudes towards minorities, the poor, and political dissenters. It's no suprise to anyone nowadays when a Panther office is shot up, when Panthers are murdered or jailed for any wide variety of trumped up reasons. The Black Panther Party would agree with the Berkeley pig department's claim that they are truly a "model police department." In the light of the kidnapping of our Chairman, Bobby Seale, the Kangaroo court trial of our leader and co-founder, Huey P. Newton, the attempt to murder our Minister of Information, Eldridge Cleaver, the murders of many Panthers and the false imprisonments of countless Panthers, we would definitely say that Berkeley has a "model pig department."

Although pig chief Plummer says that he requested but never saw the plans and that he had asked a "couple of sergeants" to draw up such plans, the plans contain at least four different types of handwriting. We wonder if a sergeant can have the Berkeley Hall of Justice secured. We ask "can any old pig with three stripes ask the Alameda County Sheriffs Office to send a tank over for a couple of hours? Can any three-stripe pig have ambulances and fire trucks on stand-by anytime he feels like it?" On second thought, later for questions; we know the answers. We know that pig J. Edgar Hoover considers us his number one target. (We saw that on TV). We know that the mis-named "Justice" Department has long ago created a task force to wipe out the Black Panther Party. We know that Tricky Dick Nixon, alleged President of the "land of the free" has ordered the Black Panther Party exterminated. We have had it shown to us in a thousand and one ways.

Reising - high powered rifle
ASCO - Alameda County Sheriffs Office
DD - Detective Division
Launcher - grenade launcher will fire any type grenade (gas, high explosive, indendiary, fragmentation) -
Thompson - 45. caliber submachine gun
37mm gas gun - for firing tear gas on other types of gas
Riot tank - tank (most pig depts. have models similar to armore personnel carriers now in use in Vietnam)

HMH - Herrick Memorial Hosp. Berkeley
H. of J. - Hall of Justice
Pat. - Patrolman
Sgt. - Sergeant
Lt. - Lieutenant
Armor plate window shields 1/8 inch steel plate shutters installed on upper windows of National Headquarters to guard against snipers and assasins (Black and white) in Babylon, "the land of the free."

There exists enough proof of pig planned genocide against the Black Panther Party in particular and Black people in general. All that is required of anyone is the moral strength to investigate an obviously ugly situation.

In this society of fascist pig murder and brutality, silence must be viewed as endorsement.



Where is this man at a time like this?

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ENEMIES WITHIN ENEMIES WITHOUT

Chairman Bobby Seale right here in San Francisco.

So having that situation to deal with you can see the importance of waging the kind of educational program that we're talking about when circulating that petition. That petition is the only means for black people in America surviving genocide, because the pigs have been conditioned to kill black people, the don't pick any bones about that, they don't hesitate to do it, they do it every day. Everytime you pick up your papers, you see where some black youth has been murdered cold-bloodly on the streets of our community by some pigs. And the pigs are not always white pigs, they're black pigs. In Los Angeles they have some 200 or better black cubans they're called Guazanos, it means worms, these are ex-patriots, these are counter-revolutionaries that have stowed away and have hijacked airplanes and made their way here. But I'm not going to exert one atom of my energy trying to make distinctions between a black pig and a white pig, because they're pigs. Because they're some stupid, idiotic, insane boot-licking motherfuckers. I don't care if they're black or white, they're pigs and we're going to call thm pigs until we have wrested the power of the gun from those people, and we control the actions and then maybe we can begin to call them brothers.

But until that day comes George Sams, the US organization and the local pigs that patrol our communities by day and night are all a bunch of reporbateable, scum sucking enforcers for the oppressive system of capitalism. ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE AND LET'S SEIZE THE TIME!

David Hilliard
Chief of Staff
Black Panther Party

Pig O'Brien: "I want to kill a nigger so goddamned bad I can taste it!" HE killed George Baskett.

THE SCENE: *San Francisco. Its climate is moderate; tempers do not flare; passions are not abraded by the heat. It is renowned for an easy-going, live-and-let-live attitude. It prides itself on its cultural diversity.*

MICHAEL O'BRIEN WAS RETURNING with some friends from a Sunday outing at Lake Berryessa. The double date had not gone well: O'Brien had been drinking and was in an unpleasant mood. At one point, he made his date get out of the car with him and told her to "be a little more affectionate" or walk home. She calmed him down a little, though, and they got back into the car.

On the way across the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge, he suddenly brandished a .38 revolver. After a minute he put the gun away, and a few minutes later they were at Brush Place.

You'd have to be a pretty determined San Franciscan to know where Brush Place is. About two and a half blocks from the ugly new Hall of Justice, there's a little dead-end alley off Folsom Street called Hallam Street. Off that alley there's an even smaller alley, also a dead end. That's Brush Place. O'Brien kept his boat in one of the garages in Brush Place that are rented out for that purpose.

Carl Hawkins, a mild-mannered black streetcar motorman, seems to have scraped O'Brien's boat trailer with his car. Hawkins immediately stopped and got out.

This is how all the witnesses who were not police described what happened next:

One thing quickly led to another. O'Brien yelled at Hawkins, "If you scrape my car, I'll shoot you!" People in the neighborhood, many of them black, came out or looked out their windows to see what was happening. Suddenly O'Brien pulled out his .38 and shouted, "Get your heads back in, niggers, or I'll kill all of you. I'll blow your heads off." Hawkins' wife went inside to phone the police; Mike's companion, Willis Garriott, went out toward Folsom Street on the same errand.

As Garriott returned with Special Patrol, Officer Raymond Adkins (a private policeman, but one with a uniform and a gun), there was the sound of a shot and confusion in the street; O'Brien had three black men at gunpoint, their hands against the wall at the end of the alley. O'Brien was getting nastier by the minute; according to witnesses, he said, "I want to kill a nigger—I want to kill a nigger so goddamned bad I can taste it!"

A black truck driver and neighbor of Hawkins, George Baskett—five inches shorter than O'Brien and 75 pounds lighter—picked up a slat out of a chair back, a thin piece of wood about 23 inches long and about an inch and a half wide, and tried to knock the gun away from O'Brien. Garriott and the special cop had their guns out by now and watched as O'Brien growled, "Drop the stick, drop it, goddammit." He counted in a rapid cadence, "One . . . two . . . three. . . ." There was a sharp crack. The bullet ripped through Baskett's chest, severing a major artery. As Baskett lay moaning and dying in the street, O'Brien approached him. "Shut up, dammit," he growled, "shut up." He kicked at Baskett's side, turning his victim over on his back. Baskett's pregnant wife ran out toward her husband. "Get out of here, you black bitch," O'Brien shouted, forcing her down the street. Then he looked up at the black faces peering down from the windows above him. "Get your heads back in niggers," he shouted, "before I blow them off." Within minutes, Baskett, twenty-eight years old and the father of five children, was dead. Michael O'Brien had killed his nigger.

The police came, including San Francisco's head-cracking Tactical Squad. They immediately began questioning "suspects." They arrested Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hawkins, Mrs. Hawkins' son Richard Dickerson, and Otis Baskett, on charges of conspiracy, assault to commit murder, and assault with a deadly weapon. Then they helped the dazed O'Brien out of the alley and away from the angry crowd.

O'BRIEN OF COURSE WAS WHITE. And although he had never said so to anybody in Brush Place, that night or at any other time, Michael O'Brien was a cop.

"If he had only identified himself as a policeman," recalled the soft-spoken Carl Hawkins, a man of fifty, "this whole business would never have happened." And then—not apparently conscious himself of the ironic significance with which his words illuminated the growing chasm between law and people in the country as a whole—"People around here have a lot of respect for a police officer."

Within four hours of the shooting of George Baskett in Brush Place, the official police investigation of the incident had been conducted and concluded. The two officers who submitted the report admitted in court that it had been rewritten three times on the orders of their superior, Lieutenant Daniel Mahoney, who had specifically ordered them not to mention any witnesses other than the policemen present. The report concluded that the killing of Baskett was "justifiable homicide." It was only *after* reaching this conclusion that the police questioned the arrested blacks, who for three hours had been kept handcuffed in the paddy wagon outside the Hall of Justice. Early Monday morning, Chief Thomas Cahill told reporters that the whole affair was a "sad situation," but "a man has a right to defend himself." He termed the shooting "accidental" and informed them that his own private investigation was closed.

But it was soon clear that sweeping the "accident" under the rug was not going to be quite so easy. Word had spread fast, and an aroused black community was soon denouncing Cahill's expeditious review of the case as a police department "whitewash." On top of this came some exceptional newspaper reporting by two local journalists, Birney Jarvis and Charles Raudebaugh. The police story stank. They knew it and they said so—on the front pages of the San Francisco Chronicle.



GEORGE BASKETT, MURDERED

By October 1, Cahill was forced to announce a reopening of the investigation. On October 9, Michael O'Brien was arrested and formally charged with murder.

In these times of popular backlash against "coddling" of accused criminals, it is instructive to note what kind of support is available to a rank-and-file policeman with no "connections" who has killed a black citizen. First, of course, there are his comrades-in-arms, who came through with two crucial commodities: money and testimony.

The accused O'Brien had other help. He did not, for instance, have to resort to the public defender or to penny ante private counsel. The earliest moves in his case were handled by prominent San Francisco attorney Edward Dullea. Dullea's brother is president of the prestigious Catholic University of San Francisco, whose law school has given the city a large proportion of its judges (including Judge Karesh, who ended up trying the case). The father of the Dullea brothers was a former San Francisco chief of police.

But Dullea was soon replaced on the case by his even more prominent partner—through whom still other lines of influential support became available to the humble cop—the fire-eating, legendary trial lawyer, Jake Ehrlich.

[THE LEGEND OF SAM BENEDICT]

JAKE EHRLICH IS THE Best Criminal Lawyer in San Francisco. That doesn't mean that he is the best criminal lawyer in San Francisco; it means that that's his local title, though it rests mostly on past laurels—he doesn't have to work much any more. His reputation rests on the fact that, while he has occasionally compromised on conviction for manslaughter, he has never had a client convicted of murder—and he's handled over 50 murder cases.

The reason he doesn't have to work is that he's a member—possibly even a charter member—of the San Francisco Establishment.

This has brought him into contact, and ultimately into friendship, with financier Louis Lurie, who juggles local hotels as a hobby. According to Ehrlich, Lurie is "the owner of more real estate than the Department of the Interior." For a couple of generations or so, Jake has been putting a buck wherever Lurie puts ten, and that's been a painless way to amass a sizable bundle.

Jake is a liberal. He took on Senator McClellan when he criticized use of the Fifth Amendment. He defended poets Allen Ginsberg and Lawrence Ferlinghetti against obscenity charges concerning "Howl." He did a lot of other things that might have led someone to think that his life would make a great movie.

It never did, but it did make a television series, starring Edmond O'Brien. They called it "Sam Benedict," because the incipiently portly actor could hardly play tiny, skinny Jake; besides, Eddie would have had to play a lawyer who by now is over seventy.

Ehrlich is also, now and for some time past, the attorney for the Police Officers' Association—a voluntary organization which, when you become a cop, you join if you're white and stay away from if you aren't.

One of the things that Ehrlich has going for him is that any jury that could conceivably be put together in San Francisco is going to be in awe just because it's the nearly legendary Jake Ehrlich before the bench. He's not only Sam Benedict; he's Perry Mason, Judd, and the Defenders, all at once.

Another thing about Jake is that he will use whatever will win; if racism will win, he'll use that. And so he did. He played it like a fiddle.

Although almost everyone had assumed that murder is unbailable in California, a municipal judge released O'Brien after he was booked. Black leaders were furious, and the noise was so loud for a day or so that a second municipal judge overruled his colleague and ordered O'Brien back to jail.

Then Ehrlich moved in, going up to Superior Court where he obtained a ruling granting $25,000 bail. "This man is not going to run," the judge explained.

Half the bail came from a bail bondsman. The other half was put up by Louis Lurie. "If this is a murder case," Ehrlich's friend told a reporter, "I'm the Pope of Rome."

He's not; and Michael O'Brien never was, and never will be, tried for the murder of George Baskett.

The Grand Jury members, as always, were prosperous middle-class, predominantly white, and predominantly male. They meet in closed session and the district attorney tells them pretty much what he wants them to know.

After hearing witnesses, the Grand Jury deliberated for 15 minutes and indicted Michael O'Brien—not for murder, but for manslaughter.

The foreman said that, in the light of the testimony, there wasn't that much difference between murder and manslaughter in this case. (Huey Newton, who was ultimately convicted of manslaughter, was indicted for first degree murder by the Alameda County Grand Jury across the bay, without benefit of eyewitness testimony or a murder weapon.)

The city's black leaders hit the roof. A blistering statement was issued charging that law enforcement agencies had "connived and conspired to thwart justice."

Jake Ehrlich, on the other hand, had the grace to concede that manslaughter is a better rap than murder, though he still insisted it was justifiable homicide. "But this is one of those political footballs," he went on. "Everyone wants to be heard, and all they're doing is creating class feelings."

O'Brien's bail was reduced to $3125.

[THE JUDGE]

SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE JOSEPH KARESH grew up in South Carolina, but that does not make him a bigot. In fact, he is proud of the fact that his father, a rabbi, taught Hebrew to the local black ministers. Like Jake Ehrlich and Mayor Joseph Alioto, Karesh is a liberal. When a probation officer was fired for having a beard, Karesh ordered him rehired with back pay. He ruled that the city could have topless joints and ordered the police to allow performances of Michael McClure's play, "The Beard."

He has, however, a couple of minor hang-ups. He doesn't like student dissidents, he loves cops, and he appears to have a somewhat racist way of not being a bigot.

One local attorney recalls, "In many previous dealings I had with Karesh, he seemed to have a very strong block against perceiving that any policeman could be guilty of any misconduct. One sure way to arouse his anger would be to suggest that the police were guilty of any impropriety. It would sort of destroy his world if he thought O'Brien really called those people 'niggers' or shot to kill."

And a local reporter notes that, ". . . in his chambers he'd



MICHAEL O'BRIEN, THE MURDERER

cut up prosecution witnesses, and talk about how the blacks are getting away with everything, how juries are afraid to convict them, how they are arrested one day and walk away free the next day."

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PIGS TRY TO STOP BREAKFAST

B.P.P. CALLS COMMUNITY MEETING

MEETING AT TRINITY CHURCH, SATURDAY, 7 p.m., 4837 S. State AUGUST 30th.

On August 28, Lt. Sam Lax of the Illinois Chapter of the Black Panther Party explained to the board of the Lutheran Religious Organization about the Free Breakfast for Children. Sam Lax said that over 1,500 hungry children are being fed at Trinity Church alone and over 3,000 through the city of Chicago, and that we are opening more places to feed hungry children and anyone who is hungry. He explained that we are opening a Free Medical Health Care Center on or about the first of September at 3850 W. 16th Street.

The board said that we must leave the church, but the PEOPLE want us to continue feeding the children and serving the community. The board wanted to teach the Lutheran Religion but didn't have a preacher and never had one at Trinity Church. The board overlooked the fact that we feed hungry children and serve the oppressed people in the community. The board couldn't relate to numbers 6 and 8 of our 10 Point Platform and Program.

6. We want all Black men to be exempt from military service. We believe that Black people should not be forced to fight in the military service to defend a racist government that does not protect us. We will not fight and kill other people of color in the world who like Black people, are being victimized by the white racist government of America. We will protect ourselves from the force and violence of the racist police and the racist military by whatever means necessary.

8. We want freedom for all Black people held in Federal, State, County and City prisons and jails. We believe that all Black people should be released from the many jails and prisons because they have NOT received a fair and impartial trial.

The Black Panther Party says to those who disagree with those two points or any point of the 10-Point Platform and Program have no understanding of this capitalistic system or don't give a damn about BLACK PEOPLE.

WE ARE CALLING FOR SUPPORT OF THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY AND ALL CONCERNED PEOPLE. THERE IS FREEDOM FROM HUNGER IN THE BREAKFAST FOR CHILDREN

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE



ILLINOIS CHAPTER CONTINUES TO FEED THE HUNGRY



CHARLES BURSEY-POLITICAL PRISONER

LETTER FROM CHARLES BURSEY

POWER TO ALL THE PEOPLE

To all my Revolutionary Comrades throughout the world who are fighting the evils of capitalism, racism and reactionary nationalism which all in all leads to fascism:

I want to tell you that I love all the people who are subjected to these evils. There is no power greater than that of the people. The fascist pigs of the ruling class will throw many stumbling blocks in our path to victory, these pigs know that there is a revolutionary war being waged against them, their corrupt officials, public servants, and boot-licking lackeys, to end this hideous and murderous system of capitalism, racism, reactionary nationalism and last but not least imperialism. They also know that we will win.

We are taught that those that have the ability will have to carry a heavy load, and those that have extreme ability will have to carry an extremly heavy load. And we are like oxen to be ridden by the people. I can see that we are putting these teachings into practice. Even though these fascist pigs have my body I can say as Huey P. Newton says, that the prison can never have a victory here for I cannot and will not participate in its corrupting, exploiting system, whether I am in prison or in the fields working with the people or my comrades. I would like to say more, on the other hand I think of what Eldridge once said, "What's there to talk about? We're still not free."

We will be victorious!

Charles Bursey
Political Prisoner

A LETTER TO BOBBY

Charlie W. Powell
Imprisoned in Forsythe County Jail

Dear Brother Seale,

This is a letter that I got from my ten year old daughter. I have been in jail five months this year on two phony robbery charges. I have spent more than fifteen hundred dollars on bond and lawyer fees, and I do not have any more money. While my six children and wife are starving, they have me sitting in jail. And the welfare says they can't give her anything because she is working. She has a job and she makes about half enough, which is two hundred dollars a month. Sitting in jail does not bother me. Even though I am here for nothing, I have been here before. I know and have known for a long time now, that the jails in America are made for the Black man. I am a poor man. But I know the difference between right and wrong.

I work for what I get. I have even worked two jobs -- night and day to make ends meet. And now my family is starving because they don't have food to eat. And if the Welfare would give them what the police have taken from me in the last five years, that would be more than enough. They have robbed me with their phony court. The last judge that tried me looked own on me and said "I know all about you." And that was the first time he ever saw me! He told me that I was some kind of leader for my people and that was a Black Panther, which I am sure that you know that I am not. I do not mind being a leader for my people. I wish that I was. For I know that they need all the help they can get. And I wouldn't mind being a Panther either. The point is I am neither one. But I want you to know that I believe in everything that the Panthers say and I am with you all the way. I don't care who knows it. Even though I am in jail now, my home is open to the Panther Party or any Black brother. I live at 2810 Patterson Ave. Right now, I don't know how long my family will last, but they are there now.

I know the reason that I am in jail is I stood up and faced "justice" and one man facing "justice" in America is lost. I remember Malcolm X. I loved him when he was here and I love him more since he is gone, but I will never forget him as long as I live!

The police locked me in my cell all day Wednesday July 30, and did not give me any food. They made two more men sleep on the floor because they asked for sheets to sleep on, and I know this is wrong! I have written to Raleigh but I know they didn't mail them. Some people in America do not know about some things in America. Some people talk about injustice and miscarriage of justice as if they were justice. But they don't know. You don't know what miscarriage is until you've had it done to you.

You do not have to trouble yourselves with me, for I know that you all have enough trouble of your own. But I want you to know that even though I am not a member, I am with you all the way to death.

And if you do print this letter my little girl wrote me I would be glad. I buy a paper whenever I can get one. I wish that I had some money to send you 'cause I know that you need it. I have spent all my money in their phony courts. And it looks like they are trying to starve me now. I wish that I could see a Jet Magazine reporter. But I don't know how to get in touch with one! I know that a man is not supposed to be locked up without food, but there is nothing I can do about it right now. And I know there is no law against the law!

There is much I did like to say but I know you have trouble of your own.

Charlie Powell

Dear Daddy,

I will be glad when you get out of jail. I miss you very much. I go to summer school June 30th and will be back August 8th.

Some girls beat up Ann, and gave she a broken rib. She is okay now. I would have given you a Father's Day gift, but I didn't have any money. I still have the record player you gave me. I would come down there to see you but Mama said it was too far to walk for me. Mama is having a very bad time.

Sometimes she cries because she don't have enough money to pay the household bills. I wish I knew some way I could help her. Ricky still has his paper route and tries to help Mama but that is not enought money. I will always love you.

Your Loving Daughter,
Cynthia Powell

LETTER FROM SISTERS OF THE CONN. 14

August 20, 1969
To the people,

We heard this morning that our Chairman has been arrested and charged with "unlawful flight to avoid prosecution." We realize that the repressive tactics of the fascist gestapo troops of America are stepping up, but we cannot afford to let them totally destroy the Party or its leadership. We have to fight "tit for tat". When they sharpen their swords, we must doubly sharpen ours.

It is needless to say that the people are confused at this point as to what the Party's policies are. They are not to threaten or harass the people. The blundering of the mass media and of the power structure must not be misinterpreted. The Party is neither vicious nor dogmatic, but we are fighting for the liberation of oppressed people and the people of the third world.

We know that the fascists have no evidence with which to hold Chairman Bobby, so we demand his release. We demand the release of all political prisoners. It is clear that they (the reactionary power structure) are trying to remove the head of the Party so that the body will die. They tried with Huey, Eldridge, and countless others, but it won't work. The Party will never die because the people will never allow that. We must continue with our programs and community work. We must continue to organize around the issues that affect us politically and economically so that one day the people will rise like a mighty storm . . . they will smash all the trammels that bind them and rush forward along the road to liberation.

F--- THE PIG FASCIST DOGS
They cannot break our spirits; we will win!

Free All Political Prisoners!

Long Live our Revolutionary Central Committee!
(Our spirits are with you, Chairman Bobby)

Ericka Huggins
Frances Carter
Peggy Hudgins
Rose Smith

HUEY'S APPEAL

EDITOR's NOTE:
The following article is taken from the appeal prepared by the attorneys defending Huey P Newton, Minister of Defense of the Black Panther Party. Huey's attorneys have moved to have the case reviewed by the Court of Appeals of the State of California. The Black Panther News Paper will print the appeal in part--every week to give the people all the facts as to why Huey P.Newton should be set free immediately.

3. THE WEST OAKLAND GHETTO CONSTITUTES A DISTINCT IDENTIFIABLE GROUP, WITH A SEPARATE AND DISTINCT SUB-CULTURE, LANGUAGE, POLITICAL BEHAVIOR, AND RACIAL AND SOCIO ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS.

During the proceedings had on defendant's motion to quash the venire, on grounds that black persons, poor persons, and persons culturally differing from the dominant majority culture were systematically excluded and underrepresented, the trail court prohibited the defense from introducing testimony as to the separate and significantly identifiable characteristics of West Oakland as a community (R.T.142-45, attempt to offer the testimony of Dr. Floyd Hunter).

The court did have before it Judge Spurgeon Avakian's finding of the culturally distinct characteristics of West Oakland in his opinion in People v. Craig, supra, at C.T. 140. In Craig, Judge Avakian quashed the master panel of trial jurors in Alameda County because use of an "intelligence" test disproportionately excluded racial minorities and lower income citizens, thus producing a master panel not representative of the community at large.

During the trial, Professor Herman Black gave expert (and uncontroverted) testimony as to the meanings of the separate and distinct language, political ideology and thought, and cultural behavior and common understanding of the members of the West Oakland community (R.T. 336-75). Professor Blake's testimony covered a diverse range of distinct attitudes and beliefs (R.T. 339-41):

". . .the concept of oppression and the objective kinds of consequences and the objective kinds of situations which lead people to think in terms of oppression.

. . . .

". . . the only way the oppression is maintained at significantly high levels is through a group of individuals who carry out the orders of the larger power structure and that the only way that this force can be counter-balanced is to show that the black community is ready and is willing to defend itself.

. . . .

". . . and that therefore, those agents who recognize that the people are ready and willing to defend themselves when they are attacked will no longer engage in those activities which before had been looked over as a consequence of their own legitimate access to violence."

(on the meaning of "the ghetto" (R.T. 3357):

"In its early formulation by Louis Worth and others, the term ghetto was implied to -- was meant to apply to a particular geographical location occupied by a distinct ethnic or social group, and it was characterized by certain phenomena, particularly phenomena related to what we would today call poverty, characterized by phenomena of poor health, low education, high incidence of illness and disease.

. . . .

". . .the kind of general social problems are aggravated, heightened in a particular area occupied by -- or rather in which a particular group reside, housing, health, education, generally low income. . ."

FOOTNOTE

26. Professor Blake, a sociologist, teaches at the University of California at Santa Cruz, was a consultant to the federal Office of Economic Opportunity (Poverty) program throughout the Western Region, particularly in California; authored an analysis of the Berkeley poverty program; published numerous articles in professional journals on socio-economic conditions in the black community; and has studied and written about the Oakland black ghetto (R.T. 3017-20).

END FOOTNOTE

(on identification of the black ghetto of Oakland (27) (R.T. 3357-59)):

FOOTNOTE

27. Even to the jury commissioner (Mr. Schnarr), the black ghetto was known as "West Oakland" (R.T. 59).

END FOOTNOTE

". . . in Oakland the ghetto referred only to West Oakland. It did not refer to East Oakland generally.

. . . .

". . . The black community in this area is, definitely does have a particular way of approaching and dealing with the language, different from the general community.

. . . .

". . .I first noticed the term T.C.B. being used in this area in 1961. At that time I noted people were using the T.C.B. in the concept, take care of business with reference to eating.

. . . .

"The concept has been expanded and utilized in a wide variety of ways. And in the black community what gives the term meaning is not some specific term that you can say equates with T.C.B., but it, the context in which it is utilized, the way in which it is utilized, the way in which it is verbalized.

. . . .

". . . At a concert in Oakland in July of 1967, which I attended, it was at the Oakland Arena and (the blues singer, Aretha Franklin) sang two songs,. . . in which she used the term take care of busines . . .(with) a distinct sexual reference . . . . I have heard it used with respect to community organization. I have heard it used with respect to the utilization of the vote . . ."

(on the term "oppression" and its special meaning to West Oaklnad (R.T. 3361-62)):

"As to the term, oppression, it is usually defined in terms of first of all, very high levels of unemployment for black men as compared to white men; rather low levels of black family income as compared to white family income; the different problems which black people face with respect to welfare agencies, the fact that families have to depend on this kind of source for income, and the fact that welfare agents very, very frequently act in terms or in ways which are not in the best interests, they feel of the particular family, and in terms of the way the educational system relates to black people.

"That is to say that the educational system is not seen as acting in the best interests of the community. The education is not seen as relevant to the conditions and needs of the young people in the community and the teachers are not seen as responsive to the particular situations of the young people."



HUEY IN THE COMMUNITY

(on the community' definition of the term "bootlicker' (R.T. 3362-63)):

". . .the term, bootlicker, is used to refer to a person who acts in a very demeaning fashion, even though he is in a position of influence with respect to the black community.

"With respect to the black community he has a lot of influence and power and sometimes control; with respect to the larger community, his behavior and posture is quite often, it is in terms of abnegation and prostrating one's self before the power structure . . . it generally arose out of the context in which many black youth in early point of their life served in that position as a shoe shine boy . . . .

But, with respect to its generic -- its general application, it referred to a person who has influence and power in the black community, but who, in relationship to the general society does not manifest the integrity of the community."

(on the concept of "signifyn" (R.T. 3364-65)):

"The concept . . . called signifyn . . . when black people are talking, using one language, they have completely different ideas in mind, so what they are doing is, they are signifyn, and it is a way of expressing one's self in one language about a completely different phenomena.

. . . .

"If a group of black youths are standing on a street corner and a young lady happens to come by and they would like to comment on her appearance without, of course, trying to be insulting in any way, they would not talk about her appearance, they would talk about the weather. It is a fine day today. Things are certainly looking beautiful here today, and things of this nature.

"Or, if the young lady were sitting in a chair and they wanted to comment about her physical appearance, they would say, I see beautiful legs on the chair."

(on the use of language in the community (R.T. 3342)):

"First of all there is a great emphasis upon words, a great emphasis upon rhythm, a great emphasis upon rhym, you see, and the entire piece then must be looked at in terms of its rhythm, rhythmic patterns, in terms of its rhyming patterns, and in terms of its substantive meaning with respect to the perceptions people have of the community around them."

(on the political concept of "accountability" and on the irrelevance of dominant majority political language to the ghetto (R.T. 3346-48)):

". . .accountability, that is to say, the idea being manifested in the black community that black people must separate themselves from the major political parties, because they are unresponsive to the needs of the black community, and put in their place agents or politicians who are responsive to the needs, conditions and situations of the particular community in question.

. . . .

". . . Jamestown was essentially the cradle of democracy in this country. But Jamestown also was the place where twenty captured Africans were landed to begin the practice which ended up in human slavery which brought the vast majority of our ancestors here.

"Now, this simple fact meant that the rhetoric of the democracy and the fact of black inequality were locked in the American pattern of thinking right from the start and that ever since that time this rhetoric has been irrelevant to black people, because Americans have been able to successfully encapsulate black people in other areas of their minds as not being included in this democratic rhetoric."

Professor Blake gave numerous other detailed examples of the distinct cultural differences of the West Oakland sub-culture. The residents of West Oakland share certain characteristics with those of the black poor of other areas of Oakland, and of the northern and western, and even the southern United States. The categories of black poor and West Oakland residents overlap somewhat, but this overlap is academic with respect to the representativeness of the jury herein, because the prosecution totally excluded all members of both categories.

4. THE SELECTION PROCESSES UTILIZED HERE SYSTEMATICALLY PRODUCED TOTAL EXCLUSION OF DEFENDANT'S PEERS, SUBSTANTIAL UNDER-REPRESENTATION OF BLACK AND POOR PERSONS, A TRIAL JURY NOT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COMMUNITY, AND THESE PROCESSES AND RESULT DEPRIVED DEFENDANT OF AN IMPARTIAL JURY AND A FAIR TRIAL.

a. PROCESSES OCCURING PRIOR TO SEATING IN THE JURY BOX.

The presence of 8 Negroes on the original master panel changed only the name of the constitutional problem -- from that of total exclusion to that of systematically determined substantial under-representation.

The courts have long since recognized under-representation as presenting the same constitutional problem and effecting the same denial of constitutionally guaranteed rights as total exclusion of a race or significantly identifiable group. Anderson v. Alabama, 366 U.S. 208, 81 S.Ct. 1050 (1961), rev'g per curiam 270 Ala. 575, 120 So 2d 414 (1960), and Cassell v. Texas, 339 U.S. 282, 70 S.Ct. 629 (1950). In Anderson appellant alleged under-representation of Negroes on jury venires, and in Cassell, reversing on other grounds, the Court said that if the jury commissioners had limited Negroes to one on each (grand) jury, such practice was unconstitutional.

A large and unexplained disparity between the proportion of Negroes on venires and in the population generally is unlikely to result from random selection. When the disparity between Negroes in the adult population and those actually appearing on trial juries becomes so large that the prosecution may exclude all or all but one or two Negroes from the trial jury, in an area with a large Negro population, the procedure by which this actuality comes to pass must be re-examined whether or not they have previously been sanctioned by law or custom.

The constitutional right to a representative jury, that is, a jury representative of the community, does not mean that every jury shall mirror the community, but only that the system for selecting juries shall be specifically designed to produce juries which are a reasonable cross-section of its significant elements. See, Kuhn, "Jury Discrimination: The Next Phase," 41 So. Cal. L. Rev. 235, 245 (1968). In this context, the word "selection" denotes the choice of, or the system for choosing which individuals are made eligible for jury duty, are called for jury service, and actually sit on juries. The word "discrimination" denotes a process which unreasonably includes members of one group or unreasonably excludes members of another.

A defendant is denied a hearing by an impartial tribunal if his jury is biased against him, whether from racial prejudice, (28) publicity surrounding the trial, fear or other reasons. When the bias is racial, the black defendant runs a greater risk of conviction, of conviction of a higher degree of crime, and of severe punishment than do members of the community's dominant white class. (See, e.g., Billingsley v. Clayton, 359 F.2d 13, 15-16 (5th Cir. 1966); H. Kalven and H. Zeisel, the American Jury, 210-11 (1966); G. Myrdal, An American Dilemma, 550-54 (1962, 2d Ed.); J. Greenberg, Race Relations and American Law, 334-37 (1959); Broeder, "The Negro in Court," 1965 Duke L.J. 19, 23; Note, "The 'Blue Ribbon' Jury," 60 Harv. L. Rev. 613-14 (1947).)

NEWS FROM THE PLAINFIELD JOINT DEFENSE COMMITTEE

Plainfield, N.J. - Bobby Lee Williams, 24, who is scheduled to go on trial in Elizabeth on September 15 on charges of inciting a crowd to murder a white policeman two years ago, charges he was entrapped into compromising his constitutional rights. Williams filed a civil suit against the City of Plainfield after he was shot by Patrolman John V. Gleason, Jr., who was later killed by a crowd.

Defense attorneys William M. Kunstler and George G. Mutnick filed today (August 26, 1969) a notice of a motion to dismiss the indictment against Bobby Lee Williams. The defense move notified Union County Prosecutor Leo Kaplowitz that counsel for the defendant, Williams, will apply to Union County Criminal Court in Elizabeth on September 12 for dismissal on the ground that the indictment is unconstitutional and prejudicial against the defendant.

Williams was shot and seriously wounded on July 16, 1967, by Gleason, inside the Black community of Plainfield. Subsequent to the unwarranted assault against Williams, he was rushed to the hospital critically wounded, and an enraged crowd of persons killed Gleason more than a block away.

In a reign of terror, police rounded up twelve Black people and charged them with the murder of Gleason. Bobby Lee Williams, himself the victim of the savage attack by the slain policeman, now faces charges of "inciting numerous and diverse persons" to kill Gleason. He also faces charges of assault with intent to kill, and assault and battery against the Plainfield police officer.

Two young Black people, Gail Madden, 24, a mother of two children, and George Merritt, Jr., 25, were convicted in the death of Gleason. And on December 23, 1968, Madden and Merritt were sentenced to life imprisonment. An appeal of their conviction is being prepared by attorney Frank Donner.

If convicted, Bobby Lee Williams faces a 26 year jail sentence on the three-count indictment.

Following his release from the hospital for injuries sustained from Gleason's gun, Williams initiated a civil suit against the City of Plainfield. In an affidavit filed with today's defense notice, Williams said he made a deposition at that time concerning the events on the night that he was shot. "Had I known that I was then under indictment or about to be indicted," stated Williams, "I



would not have agreed to testify in the deposition taken of me in connection with my civil suit. By reason of the deposition taken of me under such circumstances," said Williams, "I was led into compromising my constitutional rights not to testify against myself with respect to this criminal action, and I am asking the court to suppress the use of any such testimony by the Prosecutor or any evidence which the Prosecutor was able to get by use or reference to such testimony."

On Wednesday, November 14, 1968, while Gail Madden, George Merritt, and the other defendants were already on trial, two detectives came to Williams' home at 936 West Fourth Street in Plainfield. They told him that they were investigating the death of Gleason and wanted Williams to sign a statement and furnish information.

"I never read this statement," Williams recalled. "I asked what information they wanted."

One of the detectives said, "We want to know who you saw at the scene with Gleason."

Williams replied that he was shot by Gleason and taken to the hospital before the time the policeman was reported to have been killed. Then they gave him a list and asked him to check the names. When Williams said he couldn't remember, the second detective, who was Black, asked his partner to leave and attempted to seduce Williams into making a statement on the basis of racial fraternity.

When he refused to submit to their demand, Williams was told if he didn't sign a statement, he would be in jail within 48 hours."

Earlier, Robert D. Carroll, who was representing Williams in the civil suit against the City of Plainfield, informed Bobby's mother that the prosecutor wanted Williams to testify as a state witness against Madden, Merritt and other defendants. Carroll told Mrs. Leola Williams that the prosecutor wanted Bobby to point a finger at one or all of the people on trial for the death of Gleason by saying he remembered seeing them in the vicinity at the time he was wounded. Again, Bobby Lee Williams refused.

"I believe that the sealed indictment was made known to me and used by the State only after I refused to furnish the information which the detectives wanted me to do," declared Williams. This indictment was not made known to Williams until one year after it was handed down by the Grand Jury.

"I believe that under these circumstances," Williams declares in his affidavit, "the prosecution is brought in bad faith and should not be allowed by (the) court if my rights under the Constitution of the United States and of the State of New Jersey are to be protected."

On April 30, 1969, Williams spoke about his case at a meeting of the Plainfield Joint Defense Committee. The following day, he was informed by his brothers that the police came to his home looking for him.

On May 1 or 2, Mrs. Leola Williams notified Plainfield attorney George Mutnick that police had come with a warrant for the arrest of Bobby.

"Since I was then also appearing on behalf of Bobby Lee Williams in a matter in the Domestic Relations Court," said Mutnick, "and knew of not other court where a subpoena would have been issued for the defendant. I called the clerk of the court and learned that there was no record of such a subpoena or warrant for arrest."

In his affidavit filed with the defense notice, attorney Mutnick said he had personally inquired of Detective Patrick McColgan of the Plainfield Police Department as to whether he could see the warrant for arrest. "He showed me the warrant which had been issued on October 11, 1968, on the order of Judge John L. McGuire," he affirmed. "I learned of no satisfactory explanation for the issuance of this warrant or of the tardy attempt at execution of it." Then Mutnick wrote Judge McGuire to request the warrant be recalled.

The defense charges that excess and prejudicial pre-trial publicity in the local and metropolitan press has created an atmosphere in which Williams would not receive a fair trial. Attorneys Kunstler and Mutnick have asked to receive a list of prospective state witnesses and informants against Williams. And the Plainfield Joint Defense Committee charges in its brochure that the frame-up of Bobby Lee Williams is an attempt to "decapitate leadership in the ghetto."

A rally for the freedom of Bobby Lee Williams, Gail Madden, and George Merritt will be held in Plainfield under the auspices of the Plainfield Joint Defense Committee on September 5, 1969. The meeting will take place at the Park Hotel Annex, 7th and Arlington Avenue. Frank Donner, appeal lawyer for Madden and Merritt, and William Kunstler, one of Williams' defense lawyers, will be among the speakers.

Plainfield Joint Defense Committee
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THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY UNDER ATTACK

"Historically all reactionary forces on the verge of extinction invariable conduct a last desperate struggle against the revolutionary forces." MAO TSE TUNG

The Black Panther Party was founded by Huey P. Newton in 1966 and since then it has been continually under attack by the power structure of the United States. Today the pigs are stepping up their efforts to destroy the vanguard Party.

Huey P. Newton was thrown into the concentration camp for no other reason than that he organized a party that is dedicated to the liberation of all the people and that by his example he was educating the people to gain their liberation.

Li'l Bobby Hutton was murdered by the racist cops of Oakland on April 6, 1968, just a few days before his 18th birthday.

Eldridge Cleaver chose exile rather than a return to prison. The Oakland pig dictatorship wanted to reimprison Eldridge because he was forcefully exposing things to the people which aroused them to take steps toward their liberation.

The chairman of the Party, Bobby Seale, has been indicted on some crazy charge of "conspiracy to incite a riot" at the fascist Democratic Party National Convention. The fact is that Chairman Bobby was in Chicago for only one day and when he got there, the people were already rebelling.

One hears daily reports of police attacks on Panther headquarters and arrests of Panther leaders on trumped-up charges, and frame ups. In cities such as San Francisco, Sacramento, Los Angeles, Denver, Detroit, Chicago, Des Moines, New York, New Jersey, etc., etc., the pigs have used phony excuses to raid Panther headquarters, destroy and steal Panther equipment, especially guns. In New York, the pigs have charged 21 Panthers with conspiracy to blow up a store and botanical gardens. This charge is downright crazy and shows how ridiculous the U.S. ruling circles have become in trying to cover up their terroristic acts against the people. Why would the Panthers blow up a place full of people whose children they feed every morning (Breakfast for Children Program) and whom they are defending against pig attacks?



The real reason for the attack against the Panther Party is that the Panthers see the "military-industrial complex for what it is -- a fascist dictatorship -- and are exposing it to the people and opposing it.

The fascist dictatorship is composed of greedy businessmen (e.g. Rockefeller) who daily exploit the people both in America and abroad; demagogic politicians (e.g. Dic 'the trick' Nixon) who lie to the people daily to cover up their exploitation and oppression of the people; and the pig cops who carry out their wanton brutality against the people, thus helping the avaricious businessmen and the demagogic politicians to suck the blood of the people.

As they see fascism for what it is so the Panthers are exposing it to the people. Every morning in many cities throughout the Unied States, children who used to go to school hungry are being fed by the Panthers "Breakfast fcrChildren Program." So now the people are beginning to ask "How come the Panthers are feeding us when we are hungry and the government didn't?" And the answer is becoming ever more clear -- the government is not set up to meet the needs of the people, whereas the Black Panther Party is. It is thus no accident that the pigs are sent out to attack Panther headquarters and destroy food supplies for the "Breakfast for Children Program."

Another prime target of the police is The Black Panther, Black Community News Service. Every week this paper exposes to the people the truth about the ruling class of America. Circulation of this paper has increased by thousands in the last months and more people are seeing through the lies put out by the imperialist newspapers. So now the hogs are trying to put The Black Panther out of circulation. They are destroying dispatches of the paper, intimidating the printers and so on. But the Black Panther goes on educating the people.

The Black Panther Party realizes that proletarian internationalism can successfully destroy the U.S. fascist ruling circles; so it has called upon all progressive groups to form a United Front Against Fascism. In this way the people can co-ordinate their activities to attack their common enemy, the monopoly capitalist class of the United States, instead of each other. Now, the U.S. ruling class cannot stand anything that is United Against IT; in fact, IT sponsors groups to blow on racism and further divide the oppressed and exploited people. So when the Black Panther Party comes along and calls for a United Front Against Fascism, the ruling class quickly tries to shut up the B.P.P. This is the main reason for the intensified terror campaign being conducted by the imperialists against the B.P.P. in the last few months.

We of the Black Youth organization see the attacks on the Black Panther Party as a sign of the inner weakness of the monopoly capitalist class in the United States. We rejoice in the fact that the B.P.P. is not deterred by these attacks against it, but rather is carrying its revolutionary practice to a higher level and is proving the truth of what Huey P. Newton taught:

"When the oppressor makes a vicious attack against freedom fighters because of the way that such freedom fighters choose to go about their liberation, then we know that we are moving in the direction of our liberation."

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE

RON KARENGA (PIG)

Acouple of weeks ago another Panther was murdered by Ron Karenga's US organization. The Panther's name was Sylvester Bell He worked with the San Diego Branch of the Black Panther Party. Brother Bell was shot down in cold blood while handing out a B.P.P. newsletter. Just this past May 23rd, John A. Savage, another Panther was murdered on a San Diego street. These acts of murder are part and parcel of the high level govermented plot to destroy the Black Panther Party. The number of Panthers killed by US has run to four. All four have been in Southern California, the last two have been in San Diego, a known Karenga stronghold. It's quite obvious that the US organization is a special division of the fascist police establishment. Not one member of US has been convicted of any crime against the Panthers. The pigs did not even make an arrest in the case of Brother Savage, nor did they investigate the murder.

The pig establishment press has aided the fascist American government in keeping information about Karenga and US undercover away from the masses of the people. The press has labeled and defined every one of these acts of murder as "a struggle for power and control of the Black Community." They print that US and the Panthers are rivals. The people know that the only rivalry that exists between US and the Panthers is the rivalry that exists between the pigs and the Panthers. It is known and conceded that Karenga's men are always armed, and there is no record of his men ever being picked up on a concealed weapons charge.

An incident occurred in Newark, New Jersey, while Karenga and a group of ten of his goons were in a motel there. The cleaning maid found guns in the motel room and called the Newark pigs. A call from Newark to Chief (Thon) Pig Tom Reddin in Los Angeles produced a statement by Reddin that he was aware that the group was armed and to leave them alone.

Once during a meeting outside a L.A. county courtroom two members of the Black Panther Party were backed against a wall by four members of US and threatened. At the point that the Panthers began to defend themselves, the Los Angeles Pig Department...which had been witnessing the whole situation...stepped in and threatened to arrest the members of the Black Panther Party for disturbing the peace.

Black Panther offices are shot up, broken into, and burned down on a nationwide scale. Legal weapons are stolen by the various pig agencies across the nation. To date, no weapons have been sieged from the US organiation, though US is carrying weapons around daily. They are also killing Panthers every chance they get.



CULTURAL-NATIONALIST VIPER

Karenga maintains a total number of five apartments and two offices which comes to an expense of approximately eight thousand, four hundred dollars per year. His standard salary for the members (murderers) in his upper organization on payroll is eighty dollars a week, of which there are at least twelve known to be on this payrol, which would be approximately fifty thousand dollars a year. This does not include the organization expenses. Karenga feeds members of US into community organizations. To do this he has abandoned the custom of having all of his men wear bald heads. They are not forced to wear bubas at all times now. The women in the organization are no longer forced to wear African wraps and in fact are now allowed to wear miniskirts and dress in the latest fashion.

Karenga now has an alliance with Leroi Joines of Newark, New Jersey They put together a program in Newark which was assisted by Motown through a benefit. They are promoting Black capitalism and racism nationally.

Karenga himself has been hiding since he had John Huggins and Alprentice "Bunchy" Carter assassinated at UCLA. The Grand Jury did not even bring the pig to the hearings. The official Los Angeles Police Department position on Ron Karenga is that his whereabouts are unknown.

The lying pig press called the murder of John and Bunchy a struggle for control of a Black studies program. This is the way the press tries to smooth over acts committed against the Black Panther Party. "Bunchy" was sharp enough to see what Karenga was doing on the college campuses in terms of promoting Black capitalism, racism and irrevalent cultural nationalism. Eldridge Cleaver says, "that in order to control the body it is necessary to control the mind." "Bunchy" knew that the concept of Black Power was in the minds of most "Black" college students. He also knew that Ron Karenga was twisting, distorting, and creating a tool out of that concept that would be designed for use by the power structure against a people seeking self-determined education.

The timing, the place and everything was right for the opportunist pork chops to shoot Bunchy and John in the back. Even with the conditions being the same on the streets as they were on the campus, these pork chop punks would not live twenty four hours had they made their attack in the ghetto. John and Bunchy were from the streets. Enemies of the people cannot live on the streets, they can only sit in high level rocks of granite and oik at the world, so the people will wait and they will have their day.

FASCIST PIGS RUN AMUCK IN DENVER

Pigs create the conditions for revolution, this theory was put into practice and was proven correct. Saturday, August 24, a brother ran a red light and was pullther ran a red light and was pulled over by "Elmer Hog" the local neighborhood nigga watchers. The brother was snatched from his car and manhandled by the hog (the Black brothers and sisters here in Denver hate the pig and fear him not). The brother showing no fear of this B.C. caveman or his club infuriated the beast who then turning even more reactionary put the cuffs on the brother, hit him 10 or 15 times till they reached a climax and thinking that they reached thier holy fascist mission, Hog number one panting, oinking and grinning felt the wrath of a people's brick which struck close to his snoot. Neither Hog stopped to notice while they were brutalizing the brother that the people were checking the s--t out and with the help of the prosecutor named objective reality, found them guilty of barbarism and commenced to carry out the sentence of death.

Pigs were running amuck, bustin' brothers, sisters, - anybody; but the s--t wasn't one-sided. The people realized that the streets belong to the people and that the pigs are foreign troops occupying the Black community with weapons of war, as they do in Vietnam. The mistake of mobs and unorganized groups are steadily leaving the American set. Black, Brown and Yellow people will let the pigs move on their emotions, run amuck, go crazy and die like the mangy rabid dogs they are.

Let me quote Huey as my exit, "Black people must now move, from the grassroots up through the perfumed circles of the Black bourgeoisie, to seize by any means necessary a proportionate share of the power vested and collected in the structure of America. We must organize and unite to combat by long resistance the brutal force used against us daily. The power structure depends upon the use of force within retaliation. This is why they made it a felony to teach guerrilla warfare. This is why they want the people unarmed.

The racist dog oppressor fears the armed people. They fear most of all Black people armed with weapons and the idelogy of the Black Panther Party For Self-defense. An unarmed people are subject to slavery at any given moment".

The Black warriors rotting in these fascist Denver pig pens need aid, we must stand behind our fighters wholeheartedly.

Send contributions to Free Denver Political Prisoners to:
Black Panther Party,
Denver Chapter
2859 Humboldt St.
Denver Colorado

FREE LANDON, RORY, GERALD DIXON AND ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS!
ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!

P.S. The Denver pig dept. has just been alloted $58,000 by big brother; fascist face Nixon. It's only paper, it'll burn...

LETTERS FROM PRISON

From: Ali Bey Hassan
Bronx House of Detention Branch
To: The Black Panther Party, the People's Party

All Power to the Oppressed People!

I would like to inform the people about just one of the many, many cases concerning the defendant, Bobby Rogers, who is being kept in maximum security, 24 hours a day, unless he has a visit or has to appear in court. This article is concerning the Bobby Rogers Case:

Over a prolonged period of time and on numerous occasions, the defendant has been subjected to threats on his life, assaults, and verbal abuse while being the superintendant and a resident of the building at 678 East 138th Street, Bronx, New York. Bobby Rogers has attempted to maintain a premise of cleanliness and respectability in a neighborhood continuously plagued by disreputable people, perpetrating assaults, murders, muggings, and permeated with narcotic users and sellers. While acting in the function of superintendant of said premises Bobby Rogers has been forced to eject various characters because of their use of the building as a haven for the sale of and the use of narcotics as well as the evidence of attempted burglaries, etc. The defendant had been threatened with physical harm and even death by the descendants and the man assaulted outside the bar as well as many other individuals because of defendant's opposition to those types of people frequently being in his building.

On July 11th, 1968 at approximately 5:35 p.m., the defendant called the pigs (code 911) and reported that two men had tried to break into his apartment and had threatened his life. At approximately ten minutes to six of the same evening, defendant was standing on the front stoop of said building waiting for the arrival of the police. The two men who had previously tried to break into defendant's apartment and threatened his life returned accompanied by two more men. At this time an assaulting action ensued upon the defendant with a positive indication of deadly physical force being perpetrated. In self defense Bobby Rogers reacted and took the weapon away from one of the men. This resulted in the death of three of the men and the wounding of the assailant.

The defendant's lawyer entered a plea of 'not guilty' by telling the defendant he would be better off with a plea of 'not guilty' because of the 14 counts against him. So, defendant Bobby Rogers wants to demur all charges against him. He's being railroaded by his lawyer and the court.

He's charged with first degree murder and thirteen other counts.

The defendant's present lawyer was appointed by the court, after the first lawyer that he paid was dismissed from the case. The present lawyer has not put in any motions to protect the defendant's rights. The defendant needs outside help. I request that this be publicized in the Black Panther Paper in the interest of the people.

All Power to the People
Ali Bey Hasson

Editorial Statement

It has become quite evident that most American publications and news agencies adhere to publication techniques common to newspapers and journals published in capitalist societies.

Lies, distortions, intentional omissions, quoting - out - of - context, and incorrect paraphrasing are common techniques in profit-oriented publications. The Black Panther Party has been the continued victim of journalistic "pimping and pandering" since its inception. As a political party actively engaged in the survival/liberation struggle of our people we know from direct experience the harm done by this type of "news reporting". Needles to say, after three years as victim of such backward tendencies the Black Panther Party has no desire to become the perpetrator of the same madness.

The publication and agencies guilty of these "sins-against-the-people" fit no single category, many are "Black", and many are "White", some claim to be "political", a couple claim to be "religious", but all are guilty of being "people pimps".

Many events of world-wide importance have been so misrepresented that liberation struggles have been made to look like race riots, revolutionary movements have been made to look like religious movements, and freedom fighters have been made to look like "bandits" or "fanatics." In the interest of truth and correct political perspective, the Black Community News Service (published by the Black Panther Party) will attempt to give its readers the views and positions of the oppressed people, freedom fighters, and revolutionaries of the world in their own words.

We know from our own experience, that no one can depict a struggle better than those who are actively engaged in that struggle. We know that most people (Black or White) who would write about a struggle (while avoiding and direct involvement) could never really understand that or any struggle.

As an additional service to our readers, we will make every effort possible to share with you, sources of information that we know to be representative of actual conditions. As they become known to us we will make available to you, addresses, for obtaining the official organs, newsletters, and other publications, publised by various revolutionary/liberation movements around the world. Our motive is "duty" and our aim is "perspective" and "solidarity". As for "originality" and/or "profit", later for it! We have no desire to pass off "bits and pieces" of the truth, as fact. Bullshit is no barrier to fascist genocide. Your suggestions and criticism will be welcomed.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE

CHICAGO FREE MEDICAL CARE CENTER

The people's Free Medical Care Center located at 3850 W. 16th St. will open on or about September First. Donations are needed to insure the success of this program: Send all contributions to
Black Panther Party
Illinois Chapter
2350 W. Madison
Chicago, Ill. 60612



FRED HAMPTON-DEPUTY CHAIRMAN, ILLINOIS CHAPTER B. P. P.

FRED HAMPTON IS FREE!

Fred Hampton, Deputy Chairman of the Illinois Chapter of the Black Panther Party was freed from Menard Penitentiary August 15. He was held without bond or the constitutional right to an appeal. These illegal acts followed his conviction of a $71 ice cream truck robbery by the racist court system and a bootlicking, nigger pig judge by the name of Sissy Sidney Jones.

Fred exposed the true nature of this decadent capitalist anti-people society by helping to establish revolutionary programs for colonized black and oppressed people. Free Breakfast for Children, Liberation School, Community News Service (The Black Panther Paper) and by donating food, money and medical services to the poor and oppressed masses here in Babylon.

Fred found food when Daley said there was no food.

He helped the children when nigger lackey, Denton Brooks said there was no help.

He exposed nickle-dime rinky-dink Hammerhead Hanrahan's scheme to imprison all potential revolutionaries (war on gangs).

He stood up in the midst of fascist gestapo forces and declared, "I am a REVOLUTIONARY".

Fred put his faith in the people and the Party, the indestructable forces that freed him from prison, which goes to show you that "The spirit of the people is greater than the pigs technology".

HAMMERHEAD HANRAHAN, THE PEOPLE ARE HIP TO YOUR GAME

The people have questions that must be answered. The people want to know what's to this raving maniac Hammerhead Hanrahan. What's to this fool that interrupts our T.V. and radio shows to murder-mouth our youth. Here is a fool who is trying Hitler tactics on a people who don't intend to be as docile as the unorganized and nearly unarmed Jews. These fascist-commercials are even more ridiculous than the white-knight, and they even took that non-sense off the air. And the articles that this clown writes in the papers, will go down in history as being some of the best fiction stories ever to be written.

Although this murderous mouth parrots the same old Hitler line, the ears of the proletariat are deaf to this (D.A.-D.J.) District Attorney Disk-Jockey. The people demand that more important information be placed before them on their T.V. sets like Jobawake Place, Garfield Goose, and most of all Howdy Doody. Get out of the people's lives, Edward V.D. Hanrahan, you "kid"-napper, you oppressor headhunter you. And if you don't get out of the people's lives, then the people will make it miserable for you in our lives.

Shut your lying mouth Fast-Eddie because we're hip to the tactics of fascists. You may as well continue your frantic arresting of the people. You may as well do your thing, shout your asinine statements about so-called "gangs" -- "gangs" didn't start that senseless Vietnam war. "Gangs" didn't start ADC. And it's for sure "gangs" didn't start slavery and exploitation. So knowing all of this, your gig is up Hammerhead; the people are preparing to smash your fascists attempts smack-dab-in-the-middle. We intend to listen to no more of your stupid oinking. The Black Panther Party says to the people, "Turn this fool off instead of turning in your innocent children. Don't lead the people to the GAS CHAMBERS. We won't sit back idly while all of the people are slaughtered by these pigs.

DARE TO STRUGGLE AND YOU DARE TO WIN

DARE NOT TO STRUGGLE AND YOU DON'T DESERVE TO WIN.

Deputy Chairman Fred Hampton
Illinois Chapter
Black Panther Party

SERVING THE PEOPLE

The Black Panther Party was established to serve the people - to meet the basic needs and desires of the masses. WE ARE NOT A GANG!!! WE ARE A REVOLUTIONARY ORGANIZATION, AN ARMED POLITICAL PARTY, A BLACK LIBERATION ARMY.

We realize that the people of the Black Community are oppressed and that they are being murdered daily by this racist system of capitalism and exploitation. People die every day from starvation, from conditions which come from indecent delapidated, roach infested rat holes called houses, from poor health conditions therein. Or people are shot down on the streets of our community by fascist pigs who call themselves policemen.

The Black Panther Party is trying to show the people how they can gain their freedom - trying to arm the people, organize and educate them to what this decadent American society is doing and to teach them their true role in this present day society.

To meet the needs of the people we have opened up Free Breakfast for Children Programs and Liberation Schools all over the nation. The Breakfast is a program designed to feed the hungry kids of the community every morning before school for free, the liberation school follows, an educational program designed to give the youth revolutionary principles. This summer we have two locations in the city: Jackson Blvd. Christian Church, Western and Jackson and Holy Trinity Church, 4837 S. State.

To meet the people's medical needs we are opening a PEOPLE'S MEDICAL CARE CENTER on 3850 W. 16th St. which will provide comprehensive medical service FREE to the people of the community.

We hold Political Education and Orientation Classes every Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights at 8:00 at:

Church of the Epithany, 201 S. Ashland

Precious Blood Church on Congress and Western respectively.

Our Minister of Information, Eldridge Cleaver says "Information is the raw material for new ideas and if you get mis-information, you get funny new ideas." A lot of people get funny ideas about the Black Panther Party, and think that we are a bunch of "racist black extremists. To combat the lies told daily by the power structure's news media we print a weekly newspaper The Black Panther, Black Community News Service.

In spite of the vicious attacks that have been staged against the Party, the brothers and sisters who have given their lives to the people and all of those members who are held as political prisoners, we continue to serve the people wholeheartedly. OUR DUTY IS TO HOLD OURSELVES RESPONSIBLE TO THE PEOPLE, EVERY WORD, EVERY ACT AND EVERY POLICY MUST CONFORM TO THE PEOPLE'S INTERESTS, Chairman Mao Tse Tung

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PEOPLE OF THE WORLD UNITE
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Black Panther Party

AN OPEN LETTER TO PARENTS

It is a natural instinct for Parents to stand beside and defend their children, on the same hand it is unnatural for the system of CAPITALISM to defend and preserve their lives. This evil system of CAPITALISM in virtually every aspect uses the divide and conquer procedures. The capitalist controllers set up antagonistic contradictions between brothers and sisters (so-called gangs) and the brothers and sisters fall for this and they wipe out each other. The so-called gangs are used as a method of social control, so the FASCIST PIGS' work won't be so hard. Then this punk slimy, slither-brain hammer-head Hanrahan and garbage dump Daley have the nerve to declare a "war on gangs" farce. "THEY AREN'T DOING ANYTHING BUT DECLARING WAR ON THE YOUTH OF THE BLACK COMMUNITY!"

Parents, where are you? Don't go for this Generation Gap bulls--t that the pig news media is trying to push off on you. The pigs are trying to draw a wedge between you and your children. PARENTS, YOU HAVE NOT FAILED!!! Are you going to endorse some bulls--t that you can't relate to? YOU must not defend a society that makes a murderer of our young brothers and sisters. Can't you hear the cries of your offspring? You let them call us gangs and when the gangs are wiped out you will have stood by and let the pigs wipe out the BLACK YOUTH! Let the Black Community deal with the gangs, NOT THE PIGS!!! It is an insult to the Black Community that we should call our own black youth, "GANGS". YOUTH MAKES THE REVOLUTION! "The young people are the most active and most vital force in society. They are the most eager to learn and the least conservative in their thinking..." Chairman Mao.

As long as the So-Called Gangs killed each other and other Black People of the community and starved silently they were good. But when they said no more of this and became armed political organizations they became gangs.

Where was the pig establishment when it was cold, when our children needed food, clothes? Now they come around defining our black youth as "GANGS" and dividing the family. You must stand by the men and women that you have produced. We say mothers and fathers you have not failed but you have reached the very pennacle of success. All of us appreciated the sacrifices that you have made. RIGHT ON!!!

LONG LIVE THE INTERNATIONAL PROLETARIAT REVOLUTION
ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE
Mama Jewell and Babatunde

Rent A Pig Strikes Again

On Monday August 25, 1969, Heavyhead Hendricks (Rent-a-pig) who hangs out in the store on the corner of Damen and Jackson committed another crime against the people!!! Rent-a-pig Heavyhead Hendricks brutalized Brother Robert Cain and Brother Leroy Davis without cause or justification. They came by and told us they were only in the store shopping when this crazy made punk pig came up to them and started oinking. They were threatened, then brutalized for speaking up in their own defense. It's common sense for a man or a woman to defend themselves, we say these brothers did the right thing.

Hendricks pulled out his big .357 magnum like a cowboy from the wild wild west. Then he pushed brother Robert up against the wall where he was cut badly on his arm - then both he and brother Leroy were arrested and spent the night in jail. Heavyhead Hendricks and his running mate pig Jones and that other crazy gestapo fool pig Brown think they own the neighborhood and all the people in it!

We say that a pig is a pig is a pig, from pig Daley's piad Gestapo to these simple corner store rent-a-pigs. If they come into our communities and have no respect for people's rights, brutalize us and our families and murder people, then we must deal with them.

THE RACIST DOG POLICE MUST WITHDRAW THEIR OPPRESSIVE FORCES, CEASE THEIR WANTON MURDER AND TORTURE OF BLACK PEOPLE OR FACE THE WRATH OF THE ARMED PEOPLE. Minister of Defense, Huey P. Newton

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE
OFF THE PIG!
Illinois Chapter
Black Panther Party

CLEVELAND BROOKS, ANOTHER PANTHER FRAMED!

In the attempt to destroy the Black Panther Party, the pigs of the power structure are railroading more and more revolutionary brothers and sisters every day.

The pigs of San Francisco have framed Brother Cleveland Brooks of the San Francisco Branch. Cleveland was framed on the trumped up charges of:

1. Firing arms within city limits.
2. Possession of explosives.

On the date of January 19, 1969, Cleveland was Officer of the Day at the San Francisco Party's office. Cleveland was in the office from 12:00 noon to 7:00 p.m. that evening. After the brother closed the office, one of his friends, Charles Lewis was waiting outside the door for him. The two brothers arrived at Cleveland's apartment around 7:15 p.m. When they arrived there were three sisters at the apartment who all were friends of Cleveland's. Cleveland like the revolutionary brother he is, was politically educating the brother and the sisters, answering their questions about the Black Panther Party. Cleveland then showed them the 15 minute movie "Off the pigs". Afterwards, around 11:00 p.m., Cleveland and Charles Lewis went to the liquor store to get cigarettes. Three or four minutes after they returned from the store, with no warning, no warrant for arrest, or search warrant, the San Francisco fascist pigs kicked the door in and barged in with drawn guns, and one of the pigs said to Cleveland, "Don't move nigger, or I'll blow your goddamn brains out." Instantly, 20 to 25 pigs were in the apartment with drawn guns on the brothers and sisters. Without a warrant, or statement of why they were there, the pigs handcuffed Cleveland, the other brother, and the three sisters.

Since Cleveland is a known Panther (especially with the tactical squad) and has many times before been told by the pigs that they would get him, they immediately attacked him. He was hit in the side, stomach, and back with the butt of an AR 15. Then one of the pigs told him, "Why don't you run for your gun so I can kill you like they killed that nigger Bobby Hutton?"

These fascist pigs ripped off all of the revolutionary posters of Huey Newton, Eldridge, and others. Then they took Cleveland, Charles Lewis, and the three sisters to the pig station.

They framed Cleveland for the possession of eight dynamite caps, which the pigs had put in his apartment that night, and framed him on charges of firing firearms within city limits. The brother is not guilty of either charge. Cleveland's trial started Wednesday, August 27th and ended that same day, with the verdict of NOT GUILTY of firing firearms within city limits, and GUILTY of possession of explosives. The pigs who were oinking to the people on the witness stand were pigs Robert Rich, Steven Wolfe, nigger pig William Cunningham, Burt J. Bishop, and Pig Sgt. Dennis C. Campbell. Head of this herd of pigs was Pig Lt. John Shine (all from the San Francisco Pig Department).

These pigs and more have constantly harassed and threatened Cleveland, and when asked in court if they knew the defendant other that the night they arrested him, they oinked, "No".

Cleveland's jury had only two Blacks, and they were old decrepit toms. Cleveland's jury was not of his peer group or people from his community. The judge, Robert Drewes is obviously a red-neck racist. The fat, flat-a--ed pig D.A. Harry Clifford is an expert "lying motherf---er." Whenever the lies of his pig brothers on the witness stand were exposed by Timothy Stoen (Cleveland's attorney), Clifford objected and the racist judge would go along with every objection made. The lies that the fascist pigs told were that they knocked on the door and called Cleveland's name. The truth of the matter is that without a knock, or any warning, they kicked the door in. These pigs told the jury that the defendant was shooting on the balcony, and that the house was searched and they found eight dynamite caps.

One of the three sisters, Denise Oliver, who was arrested at Cleveland's apartment, was immediately taken to Southern California's Youth Center (a pig pen for our youth). Denise was taken from the Youth Center to testify. D.A. Pig Clifford had told Denise what lies to tell. And being weak as she is, she backed up like a running lackey and repeated the lies she was told to tell. Brother Cleveland is now facing one to ten years in the pig pen. He was arrested immediately after the verdict was given (Wednesday, August 27, 1969) to be held until his sentence September 17th.

The courts of this country have no justice. Justice is locked up in the pig pen along with the oppressed people. The people are being ruled by the lowest grade of animals that exist. The people have been put in the pig pen, and the pigs are running the country, stopping, and s--tting on humanity in the people's name. Pigs were meant to be ruled by man, and not man ruled by pigs. Pigs of the power structure, your oinking is getting very weak. The people realize that you pigs are in the house and that they, the people, are in the pigs' slop-yard. The people are subversive to the turned around situation, and the people will deal with it. The people will destroy your unjust courts, useless constitutions, and power-mad power structures and put you in the pig pen where you belong. The people will have a world-wide barbecue (pig) party. Times are getting hard for the Black Panther Party, but even harder for you. The people will not tolerate your placing revolutionary brothers and sisters in your pig pens. The armed wrath of the people will rise and destroy you: In order to take some, you'll have to bring some. In order to murder our brothers and sisters, be willing to be the barbecue for the world's largest picnic!

Free CLEVELAND BROOKS
All Power To The People
Comrade Candi Robinson



CLEVE WITH THE YOUTH OF S.F.

PANTHERS EDUCATE THE YOUNG

By Charlayne Hunter
New York Times

Early one morning last week, as women in housecoats sat perched in windows trying to escape the heat, and men casually gathered on stoops along a decaying street in the Brownsville section of Brooklyn, the sound of voices came floating out of a church, shattering the quiet, idle scene.

"Power to the People," a young man shouted.

A chorus of young voices replied, "Power to the People."

"What is the main thing we want to get rid of?" Shouted the young man.

"Pigs," answered a chorus of voices.

HAVE LIBERATION SCHOOL

On the second floor of the Good Shepherd Mission at the corner of Hopkinson and Sutter Avenues, two young men stood at the front of a small room, while seventeen boys and girls, ranging in age from four to fourteen years old, sat at wooden armchair desks.

The two young men, Henry McIntyre and Roscoe Lee, both teenagers, are Black Panthers and the children made up the first class here of students in a new Panther program--the Liberation School.

Within the last six months, the Panthers have been concentrating on programs for slum children. The first of these was a breakfast program that Panthers say feed 10,000 youngsters in cities throughout the country.

At the beginning of the summer, however, a directive went out to all chapters from Panther headquarters in Oakland, California, stating that during the summer the breakfast program would be replaced by the Liberation Schools except where both programs could be run without difficulty.

The Brownsville chapter kept both programs and feeds more youngsters--50 to 60--than it teaches. All of the students receive breakfast and lunch.

Panthers are basically Marxist-Leninist and see as their enemy the capitalistic system and its exponents--known in Panther circles as "Pigs."

"We take them on field trips to point out the contradictions," a Panther guide, Henry Mitchell, explained to a visitor.

"They see streets that are not clean and they see fire trucks speeding up the streets where they play but no fires. When there is a fire, the Pig Department is seldom around in time to save the property or the lives of the people.

"We take them out on Prospect Avenue--to a block of delapidated houses--to check out the genocide. We show them exposed lead pipes where they can get lead poisoning and TB."

The children are shown the "contradictions" and are taught about the "Pigs." One portion of the three-hour class was devoted to a discussion of the "Pigs."

Teacher: "What is a pig?"

Student: "A pig is a low-down person who can be any color who beats us up and tells lies."

Teacher: "How many types of pigs are there?"

Student: "Four kinds."

Teacher: "Name them."

Student: "The avaricious business man pig ("who may be a landlord or a store owner," the teacher interjected), the police pig, the president pig and the National Guard pig."

ALSO 'FACELESS PIG'

The teacher then says that there is a fifth type of pig--the faceless pig. "You see him but you don't know him," he said. "He's the one who comes into the street and tells people to be cool. He gets paid for snooping around." There was mention of a demagogic politician pig," but no discussion.

The curriculum could be described as free-wheeling, provided the teachers remain within the scope of the 10-point Panther program. The daughter of a female Panther captain Brenda Hyson, a pretty 6-year-old named Semele, was asked by her teacher to name one point of the program. Her eyes brightened and faultlessly she replied:

"We want freedom and the power to determine our own destinies."

Of the seventeen youngsters in the class, 15 are girls. When asked about the significance of that, the Panther guide replied:

"That's a good thing. We've got to eliminate male chauvinism. We've oppressed our women more than any of the pigs and we've got to make the point now that they are our other half rather than our inferior half."

Other points that Panthers connected with the Liberation School make include teaching family unity and obedience to party leaders. The children are taught chants like "Free Huey" (Huey P. Newton, a Panther founder and Minister of Defense now in jail on a manslaughter conviction) and "Free All Political Prisoners," as well as the one about the fugitive Panther Minister of Information, Eldridge Cleaver.

"Where's Eldridge?" The teacher shouts.

He's free, eating watermelon and the pigs can't touch him," came the reply, loudly and in unison.

The two teachers in the class dropped out of high school and do not plan to return. They say they "gave up on the pig's school," and now attend the "people's school"--sessions in political awareness--held at the Panther office a block away.

When asked if they would encourage their young summer pupils to give up regular school, the Panther guide said, "They'll be sent to school because there are laws. But there'll be a vast difference in their ability to learn."

A LETTER FROM ONE OF THE CONN. 14

Rose Smith
Political Prisoner (Panther 14) or Connecticut 8
Niantic Prison
Niantic, Conn.

To the people,

We as political prisoners have been subjected to the fascist tactics of the Niantic, Connecticut state prison and its mad dog reactionary paper pigs.

Although we are denied the privilege of talking to the other women here face to face. We sometimes converse through our barred and screen covered windows. But even this is soon interrupted by the oinking of the pigs here.

We have seen the beating of two sisters here. There wasn't much that we could do except try to spread the word of this act of fascism around the prison grounds and report it to the head reactionaries that work here. After the beating, they were both thrown into a cold, damp cellar which the gir's call the dungeon. They were left there without food until the head pigs felt it was time to let them out. DOWN WITH FASCISM!!

The guards have been seen with shotguns. When we asked one of the fool reactionaries here why the sudden change in the system here, we were told that they had orders from the head pig D.A. Marckle and the Commissioner to step up on their security. (???)

We will fight fascism by building a united front. It's one thing to be oppressed, but it's another to be repressed. All Power to the United Front Against Fascism.

Take the power from the paper pigs and give it back to the people! The people are rising up like a mighty storm.

RIGHT ON
Rose Smith of
the Connecticut 14

ATTENTION



MELVIN JOHNSON
"JOMO KENYATTA"

The Black Community News Service would like to correct a very serious mistake which appeared in our publication last week, August 23, 1969 (vol. III, No. 18). Page 27 carried a story on "Renegades and Counter-revolutionaries." Included on this page was information and a photo of Melvin Johnson ("Jomo Kenyatta") which stated that he had been expelled from the Black Panther Party, Baltimore branch.

The Black Panther Party retracts that statement, and wants the community to know that Melvin Johnson ("Jomo Kenyatta") is a member in functional standing with the Party.

Right On
D.C.

THE INTERNATIONAL INDUSTRIALIST VS THE PEOPLE

A three week wildcat of ILWU # 6 warehousemen against J.I. Case Co. is over. Case had insisted that non-union office workers -- mostly women -- do inventory work that was supposed to be done by union men at union scale. They forced women to scab on the men and they took court action to keep SDS students and Blacks from walking on the lines. The guys are bafk at work with two fired, two "laid off", and the inventory issue is still unsettled.

Case is an old hand at union busting. It is owned by Kern County Land Co. which owns nearly 2,000,000 acres in California and has led the fight to keep farm workers from organizing. Kern is in turn owned by Tenneco, the 39th largest corporation in the U.S.

But while Tenneco and other international corporations are breaking worker's organizations they are organizing themselves. In September 500 leading industrialists, who control the world's largest corporations, will be meeting in San Francisco. To use their own words, they will be "developing feasible alternatives to free collective bargaining and strikes." That means union busting -- not just among farm workers but among all American workers trying to hold their heads above water as prices, taxes and profits rise.

The chairman of the board of Tenneco is one of the planners of this International Industrialists Conference (IIC). So are two former directors of Kern Land along with David Rockefeller, Roger Blough (President of U.S. Steel), Clark Beise (a big guy in Bank of America), and Edwin Carter (a U.C. Regent and director of Bell Telephone). These guys are after one thing -- higher profits at home and abroad. To make sure those profits keep coming they'll also be talking about "safeguarding international investments."

In Latin America, for example, international investments means 1 1/2 billion in profits yearly for U.S. industrialists. They rake in this dough by paying low wages abroad and draining scarce foreign resources while charging high prices at home. This robbery of Latin America's wealth creates poverty and misery for the people there. One third of the population is illiterate, 14% of the labor force in unemployed, one out of every 10 babies dies in infancy. That's what imperialism means for Latin Americans.

These international investments are "safeguarded" throughout the world by military dictatorships. As people everywhere begin to rise up against their oppressive conditions, young American working people are sent to fight to protect the bosses' investments. And not only do American people pay with their blood, but they also pay the cost to keep people down through higher taxes and inflated prices. That's what imperialism means for us.

These bosses are meeting September 15-20 at the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco. Students, third world groups, and working people are planning demonstrations to protest imperialist exploitation at home and abroad. The biggest demonstrations will be when President Nixon attends the conference, September 18. It's time that we all get together to begin to say no to all the corporations which run this country and exploit the rest of the world.

POWER TO THE PEOPLE
Alameda County Solidarity Committee
For more information, call 471-2534

CRAZY PIG

On Thursday, July 31, 1969, the Jersey City Pig Department once again moved on the opportunity to brutalize and arrest a member of the Jersey City Black Panther Party.

THIS TIME LEO WILKERSON

The incident took place when the Jersey City Pig Department playing crazy and using gangbuster tactics, moved on a Black youth on the suspicion of car theft.

The chase ended at Pacific Ave. and Ash Street with numerous people witnessing the fascist pigs in full display of arrogance and racism. During the pursuit the pigs opened fire without any regards for the number of Black children who were playing in the streets. While the pigs were perpetuating all this madness, Brother Leo Wilkerson left the Black Panther Party office to see what was taking place. On arriving at the scene of the arrest, Brother Leo was inquiring from the arrested Black youth what the youth's name was. On asking this, the pigs vamped on him and arrested him for interferring with the arrest (which is jive).

Between the scene of Leo's arrest and the 4th Precinct on Communipaw Ave., Brother Leo got his head punched in by the fascist, racist pigs, one of them being this sick, racist cracker, buffoon, pig patrolman Flannigan. (Who incidently digs midnight integration). Also Brother Leo was handcuffed so tightly that bruises were developing around his wrist. Because of pig lies, Leo Wilkerson is being charged with a crime and a $1,000.00 ransom/bail has been set on him.

We say that Leo Wilkerson was arrested because he is a member of the Black Panther Party, the people's Party. And this was another move to destroy the Black Panther Party because the pigs know that the B.P.P. is subversive to the exploitation and oppression of all people in general and Black people in particular. Under the conditions we are forced to live in, we say that, the racist dog oppressors have no rights which the oppressed are bound to respect. And so long as the fascist power structure inflicts pain and brutality upon people (whom we love so much) we have no other alternative but to arm ourselves for self defense. We call upon the people to start understanding this and to move against pig oppression. The sole purpose of the Black Panther Party is to stand firmly with the Black and oppressed people and to serve them wholeheartedly.

Free All Political Prisoners
All Power to the People

FASCIST PIGS VAMP AND ONCE AGAIN REVEAL THEIR RELATION TO THE PEOPLE

All over this decadent American society, pigs are constantly trying to convince the people that what is being said about them (the pigs) is untrue, and that they are the peoples' servants and here to protect and defend the people.

Here in Fascist Philly, the pig Commissioner Rizzo appears in pictures with oppressed people to show he is a good guy. What he fails to realize is that the people have the ability to filter bullshit and jive that doesn't adhere to their welfare and well being.

Mrs. Vivian Cooper learned through practice what the pigs' true colors are. On the 18th of August at approximately 3:00 p.m., Vivian called the pigs to investigate a disturbance occurring at her front door. In her own words, she told sister Seale and myself that "she had heard bottles busting on her doorsteps." She told us that she called the pigs because she was afraid and the noise of the bottles breaking scared her children. Then the pigs arrived (Pig Strange; badge number 4117; Pig car number 4028; description, blond curly hair, freckles, height about 6'6" blue eyes).

She came out of the house and found out it was the people across the street with whom she had a previous dispute that were throwing the bottles. The pig did not attempt to stop the people from throwing bottles, nor did he attempt to protect her when the people attacked her. In defending herself, she sent her daughter in the house to get a knife, since the other people were armed with similar weapons. The pigs was just standing there. Anyway, the pig watched sister Vivian fight two sisters and did not intervene until other pigs arrived on the scene. Then he took the knife from her. The other people did not stop fighting, they continued to come at her. She, at this time, broke away from the pig, since he wasn't going to protect her, and he busted her in the head with his (oppression) stick. It is worthy to note that there were 6 or 7 pigs on the set. After busting her in the head, Pig Strange said, "this is the way we have to treat you people", and drug her into the pig wagon. She has a court date coming up woon and has to answer to the charges of resisting arrest.

Fascism is here in Philly; it' in New York; it's all over this country. Matter of fact, it's running rampant. It shot Jimmy Conner last week, and busted Vivian Cooper in the head this week. It's been time to intensify, and now is the time to intensify even more. As Papa says, "It is the duty of every man, woman, and child across the country to run themselves to death to avert inevitable catastrophe."

Do something nigger
To all pigs - Keep you Fascist hoofs off Bobby Seale
Rene Johnson (Field-nigger)
Philadelphia Branch, B.P.P.

PEOPLE HELP PAY ELDRIDGE'S RANSOM

SAN FRANCISCO (LNS) --In the months since Eldridge Cleaver left the shores of Babylon (his favorite name for the United States), hundreds of Americans have helped pay his ransom.

About $26,000 of his $50,000 forfeited bail came through contributions. The rest was paid by several prominent citizens who signed Cleaver's bond in the first place. Letters and donations are still arriving (and still welcome) at the office of Cleaver's lawyer Charles Garry (341 Market St., San Francisco, Calif.), the San Francisco Chronicle reported recently. Most are small contributions of $1 to $10, and they come from all over. Many are in Canadian currency -- from other Americans who have been forced to leave Babylon. One former Washington State National Guardsman sent in ten Canadian dollars and a poem:

......so man, I write this from
Canada's Golden Shore
Hope you don't see those cops
no more.

Arthur Ashe, the tennis champion, was one of several celebrities to contribute. He sent a note:

". . .Being black, we must keep pushing, though frequently along different roads. Yours in the struggle. . ."

A LETTER TO OUR CHAIRMAN BOBBY

Bobby, the pigs may have taken you away from us physically, but you're forever within the spirit of the people. And the spirit of the people is within you. So we are not separated, the pigs have not taken you from us.

A revolutionary can never be separated from the people. And the prison bars can never hold down the spirit of a revolutionary, nor the people's liberation struggle. We will harass the oppressor until his doom. The oppressor will have no peace by night or day. We will constantly study and put into practice all that you, Huey, and Eldridge have taught us, and we will lead the people. We will constantly work with the people on the Decentralization of Police, for organizing revolutionary action among the people.

We're moving in unity to raise the consciousness of the people. As you said at the United Front Against Fascism Conference: "We're going to melt this son of a gun; we're going to put some new fire under the pot, and we're going to melt it into an American Liberation Front in America." Chairman, the oppressor is hiting the Party harder every day, but we are fighting back. The armed wrath of the people will rise against this pig, and thoroughly and completely destroy him. So we say f--k the pigs. The pigs have taken you, but you belong to the people and the people will bring forth many, many more Bobby Seales and Huey Newtons. As long as there are oppressed people, there will be the Black Panther Party.

All Power to the Powerful People
Comrade Candi Robinson



PRESS RELEASE FROM ELDRIDGE CLEAVER MINISTER OF INFORMATION BLACK PANTHER PARTY, ALGERIA

Regarding the massive repression of the Black Panther Party culminating with the arrest and seizure of Chairman Bobby Seale. Bobby Seale, Chairman of the Black Panther Party was arrested by a massive squad of FBI agents on August 19th outside of the State Church in Berkeley, while returning from a wedding of friends. He is being held in the City Jail of San Francisco without bail. The FBI has charged Chairman Bobby Seale with murder, conspiracy to commit murder, kidnap, conspiracy to commit kidnap.

Through news released to me by David Hilliard, Chief of Staff of the Black Panther Party, it is crystal clear that the arrest of Chairman Bobby Seale is part and parcel of the intensified campaign of repression launched by President Nixon against the Black Panther Party.

Nixon has released his repressive forces against the Party. Starting with the frameup of Huey P. Newton, Minister of Defense of the Black Panther Party in October 1967, in his being railroaded into prison the obvious pattern indicates that the order has been given to destroy the Party. Thus we have seen a massive roundup of members of the Black Panther Party throughout the length and breadth of the USA. Most recently 21 members of the Party were arbitrarily arrested on conspiracy charges and held for bails of $100,000 and $200,000. Sixteen members of the Party were similarly arrested in Chicago and held for excessive bail sums. Seven members have been held on charges to commit murder without any bail in Connecticut. Two members in Denver have been held on charges of inter-state flight to avoid prosecution and the bail is set at $200,000.

It is clear that this massive campaign has been unleashed by the Nixon administration. The Mayor of San Francisco, Mussilini Alioto has taken a leading role in traveling throughout the USA and denouncing the Black Panther Party obtained a Federal Grand Jury investigation into the Black Panther Party and thereby spearheading the creation of an atmosphere of hysteria and confusion. Mayor Mussilini Alioto after failing to obtain a local Grand Jury investigation into the Black Panther Party. It is in San Francisco State that this fascist pig is Mayor and where Chairman Bobby Seale is now being held.



MINISTER OF INFORMATION ELDRIDGE CLEAVER AND CHIEF OF STAFF DAVID HILLIARD IN ALGIERS

On the National level the McClellan Commitee launched a series of circus like hearings the FBI is conducting another wave of arrests of Black Panther Party members. Even a special task force made up of FBI Agents from different departments has been created to conduct a special investigation. It is clear from these arrests that the target continues to be the top leadership and Central Staff of the Black Panther Party. The arrest of Chairman Bobby Seale is the most blatant move to date by the forces of fascism in their current campaign of repression. Legal procedures and regards for the rights of the accused have been thrown out of the window and the other tactics of the fascist repression being employed are reminiscent of the tactics used by Hitler in Nazi Germany.

Having tried and failed munerous times to frame Chairman Bobby Seale in the San Francisco Bay Area which they were unable to do because of the overwhelming support given him by the people, the fascists began to fabricate ways to arrest him outside of the Bay Area. They indicted him in Chicago on a conspiracy charge to disrupt the Democratic convention along with members of SDS, the Democratic Youth National Party and other Peace Groups who organized the demonstration against the Democratic National Party Convention. Now these pigs have charged Chairman Bobby Seale with murder, conspiracy to commit muder, kidnap, conspiracy to commit kidnap.

An agent provocateur named George Sams was sent into the San Francisco Bay Area from Detroit into the Black Panther Party by Stokely Carmichael last summer being used by the FBI to justify the arrest of Chairman Bobby Seale. This man George Sams was quickly discovered to be functioning in a hostile manner calculated to destroy the Black Panther Party and has been barred from ever entering any offices of the Party in the USA. The FBI has released to the press a statement given to them by George Sams. This press statement places Bobby Seale in Connecticut at the same time as the killing. The flagrant nature of this accusation against Chairman Bobby Seale becomes even more vicious when it is stated in the press statement issued by the FBI agent George Sams that Bobby Seale ordered the killing and that such a thing could not have happened without the unanimous consent of the Central Committee of the Black Panther Party.

During the Pan African Cultural Festival which occurred before the apprehension of Bobby Seale, the past and mutual problems the Party has had with the former Prime Minister Stokely Carmichael were discussed with him. One of the items was the problem created in the Party by the presence of George Sams and at that time Stokely admitted that he had made a mistake by sending George Sams from Detroit to the San Francisco Bay Area and that he, Stokely had discovered that George Sams was a police agent. Asked why he had not relayed this information to the Black Panther Party; Stokely stated that he had been unable to contact anyone and that all letters he had sent to the Party, including the last ones mailed from Guinea in May 1969 had not been answered. He also stated that at the time of his letter of resignation from the Honorary Position of Prime Minister of the Black Panther Party why he had denounced the Party in the same vein and emphasis as the police agents were using to denounce the Party had nothing to do with the hearings because he did not even know that these hearings were taking place.

It is now clear that the arrest of the Chairman of the Black Panther Party by fascist FBI Agents was fabricated from a long awaited pretext for rounding up the entire Central Committee of the Black Panther Party.

FOR US THE PLOT TO DESTROY THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY IS CLEAR. WE CALL UPON THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD TO POUR FORTH THEIR INDIGNATION AT THE FASCIST TIDE IN THE U.S.A.

WE CALL UPON THE PEOPLE TO ORGANIZE PROTESTS AGAINST THE ARREST OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY IN PARTICULAR AND AGAINST THE REPRESSION OF THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY IN GENERAL.

THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD MUST THROW THEIR WEIGHT AGAINST THIS FASCISM AND HELP STEM THE TIDE BEFORE IT ENVELOPS THE WHOLE WORLD AND DROWNS OUT EVERY SPARK OF HUMANITY ON THE PLANET EARTH.

IT'S TIME TO INTENSIFY THE STRUGGLE



THE POWER OF ARMS

From Tricontinental May - June 1969

by Amilcar Cabral Secretary-General PAIGC

GUINEA AND CAPE VERDE were among the first colonies established by the Europeans in Africa, Guinea being the first. After the Berlin Conference, in which Africa was partitioned among the powers of that time, there was concern with the so-called effective occupation of African territories. Portugal was already present in our land, in Cape Verde, as colonists who came mainly from Portugal and Guinea; and in the latter by creating commercial centers on the coast and attempting to penetrate inland.

After the Berlin Conference, Portugal decided to effectively occupy Guinea. This provoked an immediate reaction on the part of the people. First those on the coast: the Manjakos, particularly the Papeis, in the zone that today is made up by the island of Bissau; the Balantas, a little further inland; the Fulahs; the Mandingas -- and practically all the peoples of our country resisted the Portuguese occupation, resistance the Portuguese later called the "wars of pacification," and which lasted for a period of a half-century in which, according to Teixeira da Mota, almost no day went by without a confrontation between our people and the Potuguese.

We all knowthe Portuguese used division in order to dominate the different tribes one by one. They made use of all the tribal contradictions, even practicing acts that we would consider irrational, and they alw[illegible] [illegible]nd one or another infl[illegible] African who would serv[illegible] [illegible]eir cause.

[illegible]ut the truth has not only been recorded in our history but also engraved in the spirit of our people. Because of our great capacity for resistance the Portuguese were not able to end officially these so-called wars of pacification until 1917, though actually it wasn't until 1936 that they managed to deceive the last resisting Bijagos, who did not give up their weapons, but were betrayed by people who were close to them.

This tradition of resistance marked our national liberation struggle. Beginning in the '30s, Portugal -- where fascism had already been established -- began to set up its administration in Guinea with greater ease. The fact that Portuguese policy is carried out by a fascist dictatorship at a time when our people really begin to be administered by Portugal, characterizes the political situation in our country as it existed before the national liberation struggle.

Another important aspect of colonization in our country, and in other Portuguese colonies as well, is Portugal's underdevelopment; the economic, social, and cultural backwardness of Portugal, which also means a backwardness in the economic development of our country, a backwardness in the cultural development of our people, and which creates specific conditions in the political development that afterwards took place in our country. I am not going to mention the other aspects of Portuguese colonization, but I want to point out that if, on the one hand, the character of Portuguese underdevelopment permitted the European and the African to live together (something that did not take place, for example, in the English colonies), on the other hand, th Portuguese colonial, including the overseer, always showed -- through ignorance many times, through misinformation at other times, through his need to dominate almost always -- a great lack of respect, of consideration for the African personality, the African culture. It is enough to see, for example, how Europe (principally France. England, and Belgium) filled up with works of African art; it opened the way to the universal knowledge of the abilities of the African; of African culture in general; of their religions, of their philosophic conceptions. In other words, the way in which an African confronts the reality of the world with cosmic reality. In Portugal no such thing occurred. Either because generally the colonial who was sent to our territories was ignorant, or because the intellectuals were never interested, the Portuguese did not know the African even though they came from the European country with the most colonies in Africa.

This fact also had to do with our struggle, because in our confrontation with the Portuguese they became convinced that we were not what they had supposed, and there they discovered a new African they had never imagined. This was, speaking in general terms of our struggle, another surprise the enemy received from us.

In our country (in Cape Verde as well as in Guinea) there have always been attempts at resisting, politically, Portuguese colonialism, ever since the period that I have mentioned. With this in mind, groups, trade unions, social organizations, etc. were created which had nationalistic tendencies. But it is important that we have no illusions, that we be realistic, because if there was something of a nationalistic character, it didn't go beyond the urban centers, and in these it didn't go beyond a certain petty bourgeoisie which had contacts with the world and which felt directly humiliated, daily humiliated by the presence of Portuguese colonialism. But still -- and we say this consciously -- the problem of nationalism wan't raised. Throughout the greater part of our country, especially in Guinea, we continued maintaining tribal characteristics; and though the tribes were being broken up economically by the Portuguese, at the same time the Portuguese rulers tried to maintain the tribal superstructure in order to better dominate our people. We can say that it is inside colonialism's atmosphere, in the addition of new relations and of new phenomena that colonialism brought to our lands (particularly the circulation of money, a more intensive trade, the resettling of people), that a national envioronment began to be created in our land. It is important to keep this in mind in order to have an idea of the difficulties of our struggle, of the concrete conditions of our country.

An important moment in our struggle, or rather, in the situation of our country before the armed struggle, was the ending of World War II. That external factor brought hope to the world, and our petty bourgeoisie were not exempt from this. During the same epoch a group of young persons came to Portugal from the various Portuguese colonies and became conscious of the need to unite in order to face the same oppressor. These youths obtained the means which enabled them to dedicate themselves to the study, in common, of their lands and then began to think together about a common way in which to serve their people. This was a very important moment which characterizes the struggle against Portuguese colonialism -- that is, the fight of each one of the peoples against Portuguese colonialism.

Another important factor was that those people worked together and were able to return to their lands after having completed their studies. And in their own colonialized countries -- above all I am speaking of my country -- there were groups of young people who were also becoming conscious of the need to change.

Before initiating armed struggle we decided to create African organizations. In 1954 we began to create recreational organizations, because at that time it was impossible to give them a political character. This was important, not because of the idea of creating an organization, but because the colonialists would not permit it, which showed our youth, who had become enthusiastic with the idea, that everything was prohibited to the Africans under the Portuguese. That gave us more strength for new actions, to contrive new ideas, and to carry the struggle forward. 1956 was the most important moment before the struggle became fully developed -- that is, before it took the armed form.

That year, during a visit to my family (I was in exile then), we decided to secretly create our Party. That is to say that our climatic moment before the armed struggle is when we arrived at the conviction that it was not possible to work unless it was underground.

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BRITISH TREACHERY IN RHODESIA

The tragic approch to the Rhodesian situation has been the widely held belief that Britain is the arbiter between the Africans and the settlers in Rhodesia. Alongside this is the persistent hope in certain quarters that Britain only needs some constant persuasion for her to act in order to bring about the required settlement in Rhodesia. In her political game Britain has perfected her confidence tricks in order to nurse and allow this false belief to continue.

The fact of the matter that British policy has always been for a British-settler dominated Rhodesia and a direct suppression of African attempts to take control of power. An enumeration of a few major historical events involving the settlers defines clearly the record and persistence of the dishonest conduct of British policy against the Africans of Zimbabwe.



James Chikerema Vice President ZAPU

The fradulent Document

In 1888 —

Cecil John Rhodes sent a Mr. Rudd with an already drawn up document purporting to be the form of agreement to be secured with King Lobengula (resident in Bulawayo) allowing British mining adventures in his Kingdom.

The Promise:

A provision in the document promised large payments to the King in the form of rifles, gold and regular monthly tax payments of £ 100

Result —

The document was a frame-up and a completely inaccurate reflection of the facilities the King had offered. The British did not fulfil any of their own promises. Instead:

In 1890 —

Britain stealthily, behind King Lobengula's back and without the permission of any African ruler throughout Zimbabwe, infiltrated a column of troops to pitch up a British flat at Harare — (Salisbury).

The false peace

Alarmed by the dishonesty and impudence of these British intruders. the African rulers all over Zimbabwe launched armies to rid the country of these offending strangers. These are the wars of the decade (1890-1900).

In 1896 —

Fearing a military rout, Rhodes pleaded for peace with the military commanders of Lobengula's army at Matopo mountains and once again:

The Promise:

Rhodes promised to honour the integrity of the Zimbabwe people and their state. He and his people were going to carry out trade and mining for a maximum of forty years without interfering and then withdraw.

Result —

In the meanwhile the British Queen in England was granting a Charter to Rhodes and his British South Africa Company to establish government on Zimbabwe soil. Unforgivable impertinence!

Settler entrenchement

In 1923 —

Britain felt she had sent a sufficient number of settlers to warrant delegating them more power under a

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new constitution. The political arrangements were carried out in exclusive discussions between the settler leader, at the time a Mr. Coghclan, and the colonial office, then held by Winston Churchill. The Africans were neither invited nor involved, even in the subsequent referendum to settle the controversy among the settlers whether their regime should be part of South or not. The 1923 Letters Patent was then the new British-Settler Constitution.

The Promise:

While delegating more power to its settlers, Britain under a provision in the Letters Patent, reserved to itself in London, power to protect "African rights" if she felt these rights were being trampled by the settler exercise of power. Of course the whole constitution and the manner in which it was brought into being was a denail and deprivation of African rights and there was, therefore, nothing to protect under the reserved powers.

Result –

The settlers entrenched themselves; apartheid in land distribution and settlements, both rural and urban, was effected under the Land Apportionment Act; starvation was imposed on the Africans through destocking of their cattle and reduction of their plough-lands – all this under the Land Husbandry Act. All these measures were to undermine the independence of the Zimbabwe people and force them to surrender their labour in the new settler industries, where, (as if not enough pressure had been applied), low wages were paid to retain a continuous need for work on the part of the African.

Britain never used the socalled, reserved powers'.

African nationalism

There was a double consequence to these settler political measures; firstly, the settlers regarded themselves expansionism – hence the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland; secondly

the Africans realised the sharpening threat to their lives and rights with the result that the pace of nationalism quickened.

The ill-fated federation

In 1953

As she felt about adequacy of her settler community for Rhodesia, so did she feel about her community for Central Afriva. In the same pattern as in the delegation of more powers to the settlers in Rhodesia, Britain by herself decided with the settlers to impose the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland in the face of total opposition from the Afrivans of Malawi, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

The promise:

The terms partnership and multiracialism were hatched from Whitehall – interpreted to mean an era of harmonious racial relations. Bodies like Capricorn Africa Society were fostered from Britain to blow propaganda on these terms in order to hoodwink the type of African susceptible to deception.

Result:

Lord Malvern, the first Prime Minister of the British Federation of Rhodesia-Nyasaland, came out with the secret to the open. He disclosed that the partnership between the settlers and the Africans was meant to be one like between the rider and the horse. Further, the succeeding Prime Minister, Sir Roy Welensky, began to demand independence for a settler controlled Federation. He threatened a unilateral declaration of independenec of a Boston Tea Party fashion in 1962.

The 1961 constitutional Fraud

In 1961 –

Britain imposed a new constitution for Rhodesia which ran directly counter to the African demand for a clear democratic one based on the one man one vote principle. The 1961 constitution was meant to reassert British settler control of the territory.

The promise:

Under the 1961 constitution fifteen seats were offered supposedly for the Africans with the pseudo-guarantee that African seats would increase after some time underlined by British retention of ultimate powers.

Result –

The British started to use the 1961 constitution as a basis for granting independence to the settlers, with the alternative strategy of encouraging the settlers to declare UDI should the Africans and international opinion be impossible to persuade towards recognising settler independence under legalistic pretensions.

The fearless sell-out

In 1968

On 15 October, the British Government published the so-called Fearless terms for a Rhodesian independence constitution.

Under these terms the British settlers in Rhodesia are granted independence and absolute control of power.

The Promise:

For reserved clausses' and British retention of so-called ultimate powers, the new term used is "SAFEGUARDS" of African rights.

Result –

Impressed by British unswerving stand for retention of power by the settlers in Rhodesia, Ian Smith, the British chief agent there, has devised an open 'Apartheid constitution' by which he believes power will now remain permanently in hands of the settlers.

Constant trickery

What this brief historical reference to the conduct of the British over Rhodesia establishes is that there was never any time when Whitehall policy ever stood for the realisation of African interests. Whether the terms used were 'protection of African rights', 'reserved powers', 'partnership', 'multiracialism', 'reserved seats' or today's 'safeguards' (from 1923 to 1969) they are all a variation of a constant deceptive device, – a coat of sugar round constitutional poison to the Africans.

No credence whatever must be attached to British pretensions that they are trying to protect African rights. It is as much of a lie today under the term 'safeguards' as it was in 1923 under the term 'reserved powers'. Who can believe the kind of man who always says he is locking the stable 'firmly' to protect the horse when he has already driven it out of the stable?

From "Zimbabwe Review" official organ of ZAPU

INT'L GLOSSARY

bantustan - South African name for "reservation"
reservation - American name for concentration camp
O.A.U. - Organization for African Unity
Sechaba - "The nation" official organ A.N.C.
ZAPU - Zimbabwe African Peoples Union (Rhodesia)
PAIGE - African Party for the independence of Guinea and Cape Verde
Zimbabwe Review - Official organ ZAPU

NEWS BRIEFS

BLACK GI'S FIGHT OFF FASCIST PORTUGUESE OFFICERS

BEFORE

(Reprinted from The Bond, July 22, 1969)

LAJES FIELD, AZORES, PORTUGAL -- Seven members of the Afro-American Culture Society were attacked here Friday, May 30 by 12 Portuguese military officers and two white Americans who serve as their "advisors."

The attack occurred after the Portuguese officers refused to leave a local bar that had been reserved by the Afro-Americans for a private party.

The two white American advisors provoked the Portuguese officers into attacking; they told the officers that they did not have to leave.

One Portuguese officer smashed a bottle over a table while others wielded chairs and pocket knives throughout the attack. Although the seven black airmen were outnumbered by the 12 Portuguese officers and their two advisors, the black GIs suffered only minor injuries while seven of the 12 officers required hospital care.

Two hours after the attack a Portuguese colonel arrived at the bar demanding the airmen be refunded the money paid for the reservations and that they be banned from the premises. At the barracks the airmen were met by Colonel Glassburner, commander of the 1605 Air Base Group. He was accompanied by another officer from the Office of Political Relations, and shortly after their arrival four carloads of air police arrived. The two officers interrogated the men for an hour, and during this time whites (U.S. Navy personnel) in a nearby barracks loudly shouted racist threats. But when Glassburner was asked about this, he said, "Ididn't hear anything."

The seven black airmen, AIC John Phillips, Sgt. James Bolden, AIC Willie Woodson, AIC Henry Rodgers, Amn. Cleveland Robinson, and AIC Stephen Jordan are now being threatened with having to pay for the damage, being transferred back to the U.S. and other punitive actions.

Portugal is a fascist-run country; its present leaders are counterparts of Franco, Hitler and Mussolini. It is also a racist country. It is now actively militarily suppressing the freedom struggles of African countries (Angola, Mozambique, Guinea). The government sponsored racism is exhibited flagrantly to the black Americans stationed there by U.S. authorities who are constantly buddy-buddying with their Portuguese counterparts. The U.S. military base here is being negotiated for renewal. U.S. Brass frown upon and harass any organizations that might offend the dictator of Portugal -- especially the Afro-American Society.

U.S. bases here are open support by the U.S. government of Hitler-type fascism and South African type racism. Members of the Afro-American Society in the Azores ask that you write your Congressmen and demand an investigation of this incident and the racial injustice here.

AFTER

(Reprinted from hhe Bond, August 25, 1969)

Last month the BOND reported how Black U.S. airmen in the Azores (owned by fascist Portugal) successfully resisted an attack by Portuguese officers who, egged on by White U.S. advisors," tried to invade a bar the GIs had reserved for a private meeting. The Black GIs, members of the Afro-American Culture Society, were

then charged by U.S. brass-hats who ignored overt racism involved. The following is a report of the results of the courts-martial.

BY A BLACK AIRMAN

We've got the Brass scared. Here is the outcome of the incident that happened here in the Azores.

A 1/c Emmanuel Westbrook received a $100 fine, loss of 1 stripe, 30 days in correctional custody, and a general discharge with honorable conditions.

Sgt. James Bolden, a 2ndtermer, received a $100 fine, loss of 1 stripe, 30 days, and an honorable discharge.

Amn. Cleveland Robinson received a $100 fine, loss of 1 stripe, 30 days, and re-assignment.

John Phillips, Willie Woodson, Henry Rodgers, and Stephen Jordan each received $50 fines, 15 days, suspended busts and re-assignment.

It is interesting to note that Westbrook and Bolden, the only two getting discharged, are the President and Vice-President, respectively, of the Afro-American Culture Society. Whether the Brass hopes to intimidate the Society by this action or whatever, they have failed because now they are the models of future action and by copying them, other airmen will hope to get out by this means.

"Where the choice is set between cowardice and violence I would advise violence. I praise and extol the serene courage of dying without killing. Yet I desire that those who have not this courage should rather cultivate the art of killing and being killed, than basely to avoid the danger. This is because he who runs away commits mental violence; he has not the courage of facing death by killing. I would a thousand times prefer violence than the emasculation of a whole race. I prefer to use arms in defence of honour rather than remain the vile witness of dishonour."

-Mahatma Gandhi: Declaration on question of the use of violence in defence of rights. (Published Guardian 16. 12.38)

FASCIST JUDGE KIPNAPS PANTHERS & FRIEND OF BOBBY SEALE



JYMBO SUDAN



JØRGEN DRAGSDAHL

On Thursday, August 22, 1969, the Chairman of the Black Panther Party, Bobby Seale, went before fascist Judge O'Kane. O'Kane was busy carring out his usual job of committing fascist acts against the people. From the outstart I had observed the process of his tactical squad in (so-called) "protecting" the people when they jabbed our Minister of Culture, Emory Douglas, and held him for assault on a police officer. After the hearing had started and had ended in a lengthy 10 minutes, the people stood and showed signs of their high spirit to Bobby, by raising a clutched fist and saying, "All Power to the People." At this point that scum, the fascist judge pig O'Kane who undoubtedly by his actions must have been scraped off the d--k of a Richard Milhouse Nixon, jumped to his feet shouting, "Contempt of court, contempt of court, and I will not have it. Arrest those two." (Jymbo and Jorgen Dragsdahl). "I saw them raise their hand and say, 'Power to the people,' he stated. Then he pointed us out and threw us in the pig pen. Two hours later he called us out and ran down the charges and then appointed us to "get some time attorneys" (public defenders). He then gave us all two minutes alone to admit guilt or innocent. We had no choice of chance of getting our own council or hardly a chance to talk to the shyster pigs he appointed us.

Upon entering, the Pig Punk Judge had the nerve to ask us to apologize. We refused; consequently, he gave us 5 days in the county jail and a $500.00 fine. While we were in jail all privileges were taken away from us: no commissary, no shower, not even a rag to wipe an a-s with. But we have since been set free to be with the people once again. And we are working for the day when the jails and prisons will be taken over by the people. And I personally want to be the jailer, because I have a plan to convert all the jails into a hole to throw all the corrupt officials in, and pour pigs' piss on their a---es so that they will drown in the scum of their own kind.

All Power to the People
Free Huey, Bobby, Charles, Landon and Rory and All Political Prisoners. Bring Eldridge home!

Jymbo, Black Panther Party

U.S.FASCIST OPPRESSION OF PEOPLE

The U.S. involvement in the fascist oppression of colonized peoples around the world becomes more obvious everyday. Instead of trying to find out which act of banditry, rape, murder or genocide the U.S. is involved in, it might be easier to approach the question from the other side and ask, "Which piece of the action have the imperialist pigs somehow overlooked?" No matter how you approach the question, the results will be enlightening as bits and pieces begin to fit into place.

Repression of dissent, suppression of free speech, support of racism,.....bootlickers, toms, and traitors used against liberation fighters.... Negro Green Berets teaching the fine art of mayhem/murder/genocide in Haiti (see B.P. August 23, 1969, Page 20).....Black Airmen in Portugal subjected to fascist attacks by Portuguese and American officers (see this issue).....Army brass instigating race riots, troops instigating stockade rebellions.....the disease "rickets" on the upsurge in the U.S......talk of welfare cuts by politicians, enforced slave labor by parents of welfare children for the right to remain on "welfare".....moon successes and earth failures .....U.S. Police Department pigs murder more Blacks (law and order equal justifiable homicide) .....U.S. advisors with with South African and Portuguese fascists in Angola.....Chase Manhattan Bank over 1,200 offices in Middle and Southern Africa ..... Over 10,000 political prisoners in South Africa, (see B.P. August 30. 1969)..... 180 day preventive detention law under South African Apartheid.....90 day preventive detention law under U.S. democracy.....tanks in U.S.Black ghettos..... strategic hamlets in Agola.....Bantustans in South Africa..... napalm in Vietnam..... Green Beret "Negritude" in Haiti .....Land? Bread? Housing? Education? Clothing? Justice? Peace?

All Power to the People

POLITICAL PRISONERS INCARCERATION AND MURDER

Black, Brown, Red, Yellow and White are the colors of political prisoners -- the Connecticut 8, the N.Y. 21, Chicago 16, Landon and Rory, Susan Parker, Charles, Bursey, Gerald Dixon, Los Siete de la Raza, Chairman Bobby Seale and Minister of Defense Huey P. Newton of the Black Panther Party, etc., etc., are all political prisoners because they stand in opposition to this fascist and sadistic power structure here in Babylon (United States of America). They and all revolutionaries here in Babylon and all over the world stand in direct opposition to the demagogic politicians, like Elvin Caldwell of Denver and Mayor Alioto of San Francisco, lying and deceiving the people, making the big buck, sitting on their greedy, slimy oinking pig a--es. We stand in direct opposition to the avaricious, capitalist businessmen, like the Kennedy's the Duponts and, closer to home, the neighborhood grocer who charges fantastically outrageous prices for one of the basic necessities for survival -- food. The fascist pig cop won't let us forget him, not under any circumstances. He brutalizes us by clubbing us over our heads over traffic violations, for telling the truth about the three levels of fascism (demagogic politicians, avaricious businessmen, fascist pig cops) and for nothing at all; for just being alive. The fascist sadistic pig cops have been murdering and butchering oppressed peoples for centuries. They are financed by the tax payers and those with the power of finance capital, those who control through money. We call the pigs sadistic? You're Godd---ed right; because they enjoy murdering and butchering oppressed peoples. They derive a sense of perverted pleasure from sadism.

All political prisoners must be set free from the clutches of the criminals of this present society, and these criminals must be wiped off the very face of the earth.

Political prisoners not only face incarceration for long periods of time. They face cold-blooded premeditated murder, murder on trumped up charges such as conspiracy to murder, conspiracy to kidnap, assault with a deadly weapon and so on.

Recently it has been clearly shown that the demagogic, avaricious businessmen and the fascist pigs cops are attempting to wipe out the leadership of the Black Panther Party, is the attempted railroading of Chief of Staff of the Black Panther Party, David Hilliard, on charges of assault with a deadly weapon (2 counts) and attempted murder (2 counts) stemming from the April 6th 1968 shootout in Oakland California in which Lil' Bobby Hutton was murdered, and Warren Wells and Eldridge Cleaver were shot. The charges on David Hilliard were dropped but the D.A. has succeeded in getting him indicted.

Last week Chairman Bobby Seale was vamped on by super pigs (F.B.I. and the Berkeley pig department.) They have charged him with murder, conspiracy to murder, kidnapping, conspiracy to kidnap and binding (holding a person without his consent with the intent to do bodily harm). Bobby Seale, Landon Williams, Rory Hithe, and the Connecticut 8 are all charged with the torture murder of our comrade in arms Alex Rackley.

The pigs will stop at no crime against the people to try to preserve this decadent establishment, even to the extent of killing Brother Alex Rackley and blaming it on the leadership of different chapters and branches of the Black Panther Party.

It is up to us, the abused, the exploited people to stop this genocidal war on oppressed peoples by the fascist pig power structure. We must do this by any means necessary. We must not pin our hopes for liberation on the sensibleness of the U.S. and her lackeys. We must not let the pigs pick our battleground; but we must wait until the time is favorable to destroy them on our own terms, at our own time, and our own battlefield. We the people must choose.

We are all political prisoners and we're all in prison here in Babylon, but Papa is FREE, and we too will be free when we defeat the U.S. running dogs and her lackeys.

PEOPLE OF DENVER -- UNITE!
ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!
FREE CHAIRMAN BOBBY!
LAND AND RORY!
FREE GERALD DIXON!
FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS!

Denver Chapter
Black Panther Party

G.I.'S REFUSING TO OINK LIE

The "credibility gap" hasn't shrunk under "Tricky Dick" Nixon, but has grown tremendously. Luckily the light shed on the Vietnam fiasco grows brighter with the growth of newspapers published by the G.I.'s themselves. The pigs of the pentagon are making it hard on those who dare speak out; but word "from the horse's mouth" is the only way for the American public to tell "combat news" from bulls--t. If you care about "TRUTH", it can be had. One recommendation would be to buy and read THE BOND (10cents), published by:

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The fight for freedom of speech, racial justice, freedom of press, and freedom of political association can never be more urgent or necessary than in a life or death situation. With the exception of America's Black colonial subjects, the only people in America today in such a situation are the G.I.'s.

The same troops ordered to maim, murder, and obey orders blindly in Vietnam, have carried out similar orders in Harlem, Watts, Berkeley, Detroit, Chicago, Santo Domingo, and Washington D.C. Those who would be people and not olive-drab, government-issue PIGS, need the support of ALL the people.

All Power to the People

BOBBY HUTTON MEMORIAL FREE HEALTH CLINIC

The Kansas City Chapter of the Black Panther Party has waged the struggle to open the BOBBY HUTTON MEMORIAL FREE HEALTH CLINIC. Last week, the Black Panther Party held an open house for the people in the community to inspect the work done by the vanguard of the fight for liberation against medical fascism.

The move to open the FREE HEALTH CLINIC has met with some difficulties. The open house was not well attended by the people of the community. Many people do not really believe that the FREE HEALTH CLINIC is really free.

The solicitation for doctors, nurses and other medical technicians is getting a lack of response. With the doctors and nurses that have already committed themselves, we can keep the clinic open from 10:00a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The clinic is being equipped at a slow pace. However, if necessary emergency operations could be performed with the equipment we have, RIGHT ON!

We are steadily working to see that the clinic functions in the best interests of the people.



—Daily World

HARLEM BREAKFAST FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Reprinted from the Daily World Saturday, August 23

NEW YORK, Aug. 22 — Eight o'clock in the morning... And as you enter the side door of All Saints Catholic Church at 130 Street and Madison Avenue, your nose leads you directly to the free-breakfast program for children of the Black Panther Party in Harlem.

In the basement, sausage is frying on the grill. A young woman mixes a great bowl of eggs to be scrambled with melted cheese. A Panther is pouring orange juice into one line of paper cups and milk into the next row.

A small group of five-year-olds seated at one table emit the laughter and cries which can only come from joyful children.

Gradually, this kindergarten atmosphere changes as some of the older children arrive. But the predominant mood in this Harlem church basement remains one of a pleasant oasis within the raging storm of the ghetto.

The children are seated according to their ages: five-year-olds together, eight- and nine-year-olds together, etc. Janet Cyril, who administers the Harlem breakfast program, explained that this seating arrangement allowed for natural conversation among the young people.

"The children often help us in serving the tables," she said, "and they are responsible for cleaning up after the meal also."

Breakfast plus learning

A section leader at each table is delegated to supervise this clean-up exercise and maintain order.

Before the meal is served, a team of Panthers circulate through the rows of tables, greeting the children and spreading the Panther program.

"Power to the People!" the Panther shouts.

"Power to the People —" the children's chorus responds.

"What is point number six of the 10-point program of the Black Panther Party?" the young Panther asked a six-year-old girl. "What do we want?"

"We want all black men to be exempt from military service," she replied.

"And what is our point number seven?" the Panther said to the boy across from her.

"We want an immediate end to police brutality and murder of black people," snapped the little boy.

Teresa Patterson is nine ("I'm nine-and-a-half," she said. "I'll be ten on October 22.") and her step-father, Ali Bey Hassan, 28, was jailed by police in the Panther 21 case.



Teresa Patterson, age 9 ½

The reporter asked Teresa what she thought of the Black Panthers. "They're good for black people," she beamed.

"Why?"

"Because they're nice to children..." she paused.

"Do you know why the police are after the Panthers?"

"Yes," she answered quietly, "because the Panthers are changers."

"Pigs hate black people," said Hillary Dandridge, 11, when I moved over to his table.

"They hate us because they don't want us to have power," he went on. "And the Panthers are helping the people," he said.

Someone had brought his plate of eggs, sausage, and grits. And I moved out of the way so that he could have his breakfast in peace.



—Daily World.

Hillary Dandridge, age 11

BROOKLYN PANTHERS OVER PIG INSTITUTIONS

Recently a mother named Aretha Carter came to the Free Breakfast Program being held at Good Shepherd Mission at 564 Hopkinson Ave in Brownsville, Brooklyn. She came requesting food for her family of ill people, who were home hungry. Without the usual rhetoric (talk) that you receive from the Pig's institutions when requesting help, the Panthers prepared meals and took them over to the Carter's home. While at the Carter's home, the Panthers noticed that more than food was needed there, so they asked that the situation be looked into further. Immediately a Panther investigator was sent out and the following is a statement of what was found out from Mrs. Aretha Carter.

The Carters had been waiting for the Pig Welfare Department to find them an apartment since December, 1968. They wanted to move because most of the children are very young and the house was overrun with rats, mice, and roaches. And she was afraid that one of her children would be bitten by a rat. The pig landlord of this hellhole was only seen on days when the rent was due. He was asked by Mrs Carter to make some repairs, but none were ever made.

After waiting 7 months with no results from the Pig Welfare Department, they found an apartment on their own. The new apartment is only 3 or 4 rats cleaner than the old apartment, and is still not fit for the shelter of a human being. The rent for this rathole is $150.00 a month. They moved to the new apartment in July 2, 1969. The avaricious (greedy) Pig Gas Company was supposed to turn the gas on July 3, 1969, but has not done so yet. Pig Con Edison Electric Co. was supposed to turn the electricity on, but they haven't gotten there yet and probably will never get there.

The Pig Welfare Department has shown no concern for the Carters although on Saturday there was a fire in their building, then the next day, another fire. Yet the Pig Welfare Department has not given them a return telephone call after the Carters reported the fires. The Pig Welfare also refuses to give Mrs. Carter money for a bed after seeing that her old bed was broken down. They also refuse to give her money for kitchen furniture (she has none).

The actions of the Pig Welfare Department show that it does not care about the people. If it did care, people would not live in rat infested apartments, without kitchen furniture, beds, gas and electricity. These bloodsuckers are living off the misery and suffering of others. They are holding a deaf ear to the agonizing cries of the poor people. A loud shotgun used on the heads connected to some of these DEAF EARS would clear up a lot of this deafness.

Lt. of Information
Sonny Evans
Brooklyn Branch, Black Panther Party

Richmond Fascist Pigs Attack Black Family

August 25, 1969

The most recent racist pig action on the people of Richmond went down yesterday evening, August 25, 1969 at about 6:30.

James Graves and two other brothers (Clarence Frazier and Geral Gallon) were riding near the vicinity of 7th and Virginia Streets when they noticed that there were "officers of the law" following them. Brother James pulled his car over on 7th and Virginia and let the other two brothers out. When he pulled away the racist pig followed him down the street. At no time had the pigs put their cherry flasher or air-raid sirens on. After about a block or so Brother James was told by the pig to pull over.

As James stopped, the storm troopers jumped out of their mobile pig pens and ordered the brother to produce identification. Before the brother could reach the glove-compartment for his identification the pigs had jerked him out of the car and were literally choking him.

With all the madness and manner in which the pigs were treating the brothers, Clarence Frazier's mother heard it and had come outside to investigate (the scene was in front of her house). When Brother Frazier's mother saw what was going on, she stepped up to verify what James was saying. The pigs told her to get the hell away from there "cause she ain't got a damned thing to do with it" and "shut up".

By this time, Brother Frazier and Brother Gallon had arrived from 7th and Virginia. The racist, fascist pig-cop had raised his "arm of justice" in an attempt to hit James. Frazier grabbed the stick and Brother Graves split. Since it was obvious to the pigs that Graves knew Brother Frazier's mother and her house was right there, they (the pigs) went to her door. Mrs. Frazier, knowing her "democratic rights" tole the pig that they couldn't come in. The pigs kicked the door down, pushed Mrs. Frazier aside, and entered the house with guns drawn! (there were little children present at the time). The four storm-troopers that had gained illegal entrance drug Brother James outside.

The two brothers, Clarence Frazier and Gerald Gallon were still outside. When they realized what was going on (fascist pig brutality), they started to walk away.

The fact that the pigs had one brother in custody wasn't enough. The pigs jumped Brother Gerald from behind. (Four pigs had to jump one brother behind. Dig it?) They twisted his arm, choked him, handcuffed him and threw him in the car. The four goons of the Richmond Pig Department said to the brother left, "Do you wanna fight?"

This is just another reason why the Black Panther Party, together with other revolutionary organizations are calling for decentralization of police (community control of police) in communities throughout the nation. The people of the Black communities in particular and all other oppressed communities in general, can no longer be controlled by these trigger happy fascist dogs.

POWER TO THE PEOPLE!
OFF THE PIG!

HARLEM BRANCH FREE CLOTHING PROGRAM

TO THE BUSINESSMEN

Dear Sirs:

As you may already know, the lying politicians in Albany have voted to cut back money to welfare recipients. These demagogic politicians can allocate billions and billions of dollars to send monkeys and astronauts to the moon but when it comes to the basic needs of the people -- food, clothing and shelter -- all the lying politicians can come up with are empty words. And welfare mothers don't even have enough money to buy clothing a supplies to send their children to school.

The Black Panther Party has proven with the Free Breakfast Program, the Liberation Schools and the Free Lunch Program that the racist U.S. Government is not interested in meeting the needs of the Black community, and we are going to once against to meet the needs of the people by starting a FREE CLOTHING FOR CHILDREN PROGRAM

We are demanding that all merchants who rob and exploit our community, return some of the profits that they take from our community by donating clothing and supplies so our children will be prepared to go to school.

The oppressed communities welcome your cooperation. We would like to set up an appointment with you to discuss the details of your donation. Please call or write to us at your earliest convenience.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!
For further Information Call:
864-8951 or 666-3603

October 1966

Black Panther Party Platform and Program

What We Want What We Believe



FREE HUEY

Minister of Defense, Black Panther Party

1. We want freedom. We want power to determine the destiny of our Black Community.

We believe that black people will not be free until we are able to determine our destiny.

2. We want full employment for our people.

We believe that the federal government is responsible and obligated to give every man employment or a guaranteed income. We believe that if the white American businessmen will not give full employment, then the means of production should be taken from the businessmen and placed in the community so that the people of the community can organize and employ all of its people and give a high standard of living.

3. We want an end to the robbery by the CAPITALIST of our Black Community.

We believe that this racist government has robbed us and now we are demanding the overdue debt of forty acres and two mules. Forty acres and two mules was promised 100 years ago as restitution for slave labor and mass murder of black people. We will accept the payment in currency which will be distributed to our many communities. The Germans are now aiding the Jews in Israel for the genocide of the Jewish people. The Germans murdered six million Jews. The American racist has taken part in the slaughter of over fifty million black people; therefore, we feel that this is a modest demand that we make.

4. We want decent housing, fit for shelter of human beings.

We believe that if the white landlords will not give decent housing to our black community, then the housing and the land should be made into cooperatives so that our community, with government aid, can build and make decent housing for its people.

5. We want education for our people that exposes the true nature of this decadent American society. We want education that teaches us our true history and our role in the present-day society.

We believe in an educational system that will give to our people a knowledge of self. If a man does not have knowledge of himself and his position in society and the world, then he has little chance to relate to anything else.

6. We want all black men to be exempt from military service.

We believe that Black people should not be forced to fight in the military service to defend a racist government that does not protect us. We will not fight and kill other people of color in the world who, like black people, are being victimized by the white racist government of America. We will protect ourselves from the force and violence of the racist police and the racist military, by whatever means necessary.

7. We want an immediate end to POLICE BRUTALITY and MURDER of black people.

We believe we can end police brutality in our black community by organizing black self-defense groups that are dedicated to defending our black community from racist police oppression and brutality. The Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States gives a right to bear arms. We therefore believe that all black people should arm themselves for self-defense.

8. We want freedom for all black men held in federal, state, county and city prisons and jails.

We believe that all black people should be released from the many jails and prisons because they have not received a fair and impartial trial.

9. We want all black people when brought to trial to be tried in court by a jury of their peer group or people from their black communities, as defined by the Constitution of the United States.

We believe that the courts should follow the United States Constitution so that black people will receive fair trials. The 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution gives a man a right to be tried by his peer group. A peer is a person from a similar economic, social, religious, geographical, environmental, historical and racial background. To do this the court will be forced to select a jury from the black community from which the black defendant came. We have been, and are being tried by all-white juries that have no understanding of the "average reasoning man" of the black community.

10. We want land, bread, housing, education, clothing, justice and peace. And as our major political objective, a United Nations-supervised plebiscite to be held throughout the black colony in which only black colonial subjects will be allowed to participate, for the purpose of determining the will of black people as to their national destiny.

When, in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume, among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. **That, to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; that, whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute a new government, laying its foundation on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness.** Prudence, indeed, will dictate that governments long estal[illegible]ed should not be changed for light and transient causes; and, accordingly, all experience hath shown, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. **But, when a long train of abuses and unsurpations, pursuing invariably the same object, evinces a design to reduce them under absolute despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such government, and to provide new guards for their future security.**

EDUCATIONAL T.V. AND LA RAZA

This discussion between Marty and Archie of Los Siete and some members of Newsreel was taped befo.e and after watching the T.V. program "Cancíon de la Raza". The soap opera was filmed in L.A. and was sponsored by the Ford Foundation.

Marty: The first program was about a high school where a kid got beat up by the cops and so his friend gave him some reds. He went home and laid down on the floor. His sister tried to explain to his mother that he had gotten beaten up, but the mother wouldn't listen. She would just start praying and turning away. The father didn't say anything. It presented the main problems--dope and school.

Archie: But I don't think anyone watches the program. Their posters are around but I don't think people look at them.

Marty: I never watch television because I don't believe in it.

Archie: It's an idiot box.

Marty: Television destroys your mind. Those commercials are just too much. You know, you just stand there like an idiot--Duhhh.

Archie: For me TV is a waste of time. I have better things to do than watch TV.

Marty: Have you ever watched someone watching TV? Wow! They're just like zombies. Like my little brother. There can be kids playing and yelling outside, but he doesn't hear anything but that TV. And if anything goes wrong he runs up and starts fixing it--turning the dials. It's too much!

Mike: What do your parents think about you working for Los Siete?

Archie: When I first started working with Los Siete in the community, my mother thought that all this was communism-just like a lot of other parents. She said that the people we were working with and who were trying to help us educate ourselves, would help at first and then would act like dictators and try to control our lives. My brother and I rapped off to my mother what was really happening. She is all for it now. She understands what's going on, but is too busy to get involved directly.

Marty: My mother talks to all kinds of people and she's like half for it and half against it. But she knows what I'm doing is good.

Louise: Where do you think your parents get their ideas about communism?

Marty: From television! (Laughter) You know, I try to learn about communism. At school I asked 10 people, "What is communism?" And they couldn't give a straight definition, because they didn't know what it is. They just say, "Oh, its bad." What's bad about it? I don't care whether it's bad or good, I just want to know what it is. Like this class we have in Latin American History, our teacher isn't telling us the United States is bad. He's telling us the real story, the one you never hear, becuase they don't want you to hear it.

We turned on the TV and watched the program. Afterwards we talked some more.)

Mike: What the show does is to put the blame on one bad person, Chuy. (In the episode we watched, Chuy the pusher had gotten David involved in an attempted robbery.) Is that real?

Marty: No. When guys do things, they do it together. And there isn't one guy pushing the dope in the community. What the show does is bad, because it's not true.

Mike: Do you know who is sponsoring the program?

Marty: The Ford Foundation put up the money. What is their thing? Are they like Safeway and the rest of them?

Mike: Why would Ford Foundation sponsor it?

Marty: I think they're playing a game, like Safeway. Safeway has these TV commercials for Food Stamps. In the meantime they sell grapes. Safeway is fighting the boycott through radio and TV, and they have the money to do it.

Archie: When we were boycotting Safeway we saw the brother of the cat that owns Safeway. We all said, "Boycott Safeway", and he gave us the finger and said, "Fuck you" just like that. That's how they really feel about the people.

Marty: Those TV commercials where they tell the poor people they're really good guys because they take Food Stamps, is very important. Because people believe anything they hear on the radio and TV. It's always on, always there, easy to get to and easy to accept.

Mike: To get back to the program, what's your general opinion of it?

Marty: There's no feeling of love and the real things of life. It's bad that they're showing what the Chicano already knows--how he beats up on his brothers and how he is lower than anyone else. Everyone else thinks that way too: they see a Chicano and say he's dumb because he's a Chicano, and that's just not true.

Mike: What's the difference between the way Roberto or Roger talk to you about school and the way the brother in Cancion talks to his younger brother?

Marty: Berto and Roger say there's got to be a change and you're either against what's happening or for it. You either try and help all the people or turn your back and look the other way--

Archie: Some Chicanos get knocked in the head by the man and they just won't see what's going on. Roger has learned what's really happening, and he's trying to educate the people. He's not pushing us. He's just telling us that we have to educate others to what's happening. When everybody knows that, then you can change things. You can walk up to the principal in high school, with ALL your people and demand changes.

Robert: To get back to the Ford Foundation. By sponsoring an "educational" program like Cancíon de la Raza, they make themselves look like friends of the poor Chicanos. At last we have our own program, one that shows how kids shouldn't strike or quit school. Because you need the system's education in order to get a good job. Ford has a big stake in education. They have billions of dollars and when they give this money to a TV station or university to produce an experimental program, they're doing this because they know that education is one of the most powerful tools for gaining control of the minds of people, especially young people.

Your textbooks are written by professors in the big private universities. They depend on big foundations like Ford to finance research and experiments in new teaching methods and materials. The universities must compete for Ford's money. So Ford can pick and choose among them and it always chooses those that support capitalism and are against communism and people thinking just for themselves.

They control education just through the power of their money.

Archie: The Ford Foundation wants to keep everybody isolated and just worrying about themselves. That's why they pay for a program like Cancíon de la Raza. So the people won't unite with organizations with Los Siete and La Raza. But in America, it's not going to work out like they say, because there are too many people who are poor and need help. And that's why these organizations are there to serve the people.



"OF COURSE THE TREATY OF GUADALUPE HIDALGO IS IN THERE... GIVE ME THAT BOOK.. HERE IT IS. THIS SENTENCE TELLS THE WHOLE STORY!"

Liberation Day For La Raza Schools

Why is it that a middle class school (schools in middle class areas) have such an outstanding record while a practically Third World school (Black, Red, Yellow, Brown, and White, poor people of the world) have such a miserable one?--Such as Mission High----

Why is it that poor peoples' schools the students don't have any say so in the running of the schools and if they try to they get kicked out?

Is it because Third World people are ignorant. NO! It is on purpose! It is no accident; the rich in power want it that way. The rich need laborers to do their work, any they know that college graduates don't pick up trash. They want us to be kept ignorant of our situation. When their consciences hurt the rich can simply say, "we are too 'ignorant'".

The day must come when all can be taught to help themselves and their brothers. Ignorance must be overpowered by the people. The people learn to help themselves and help their brothers and not work for one man that does not help him but keeps him down. Students must learn to ask for what we want and help in getting things done. Stop falling into the trap of the tracking system. Force the rich to give us back what they so long have stolen from us! We must find out about ourselves, stop fighting with each other and fight the man that has kept us apart and down.

The 16th of September was the day of Mexican national liberation. Let the 16th of September be the liberation of the oppressive school system in the United States. Brothers and Sisters unite. Come or call Los Siete if you want to see things happen for your people. No matter who you are, if you want to help, we're at 2680 York St.,







N.L.F. FREEDOM FIGHTERS

would have voted for Ho Chi Minh—the supposedly terrible Communist leader in the North. So—no elections.

Ho Chi Minh was the people's leader against the French. He helped train many boys and girls for the resistance fight. They were picked from strong, tough campesino families with stomachs and nerves and revolutionary ways as strong as steel.

As Burchett tells us, they were all prepared to go and live with the tribal people, if necessary for the rest of their lives. They were called Vietnamese or "Viet Minh" cadres.

There are many tribal people in Vietnam. They live somewhat in the way the Indian here lives. To name a few tribes: the Rhade, M'nong, and the Jarai. These people didn't trust anybody, not even other tribes. One of the reasons was that they were always thought of as savages and mistreated. It was the same as here in the U.S., where the Indians were treated as savages and the culture and the land have been grabbed from the people to make money with now. In movies Indians are always called savages.

The "Viet Minh" were trained to respect the people's points of view, customs and ways of life. If the tribe would file their teeth down to their gums, the cadres had to do that also. If they worshipped stone idols or prayed at the table, the cadres did this too. The tribal people grew to like and trust the cadres as if they were all in the same family. It was because *for the first time in all their lives they were treated as equals by outsiders.* The Vietnamese cadres were disciplined never to criticize them in a bad way, but when the time was right they were to teach them and show them the wrong in their ways of life. The cadres were taught many good things too, such as the use of weapons and traps.

Burchett gives examples of showing the tribes the wrong in their lives. In one of the villages after the growing season, *everything* was eaten after a feast and then the tax collector would come and collect for back rents, etc. The tribal people believed that the gods wanted them to be slaves and wanted them to be unhappy. They would say, "It is the will of God that we are this way." The cadres would explain to them that it wasn't the will of God, but that it was the will first of the French, and then the U.S. Diemists. And that it was the French and the United States who made them pay all the results of their labor in taxes.

At first it took a long time to convince the people of this. As time passed, the people came back and began to ask a lot of questions. Then they went back and taught about what the cadres said some more. Finally the day came when they went back to the cadres and said, "It's true, it's true, what you say is true." They cried at first and then got angry and said: "Our forest is full of elephants, our land is good, our soil is rich, we wear old torn loincloths, we could live better." Then, they said, "Look how they cheat us for a month's work. The French give us an old shirt or worn out pair of pants. For a brass gong we must give them an elephant or buffalos. The U.S. Diemists give us a bottle of perfume or bar of soap for a hard day's work and they give our women a few beads or bits of cloth in return for so many pigs and buffalo."

The tribes people are a very beautiful people (as the N.L.F. cadres said). Once they give their word they would rather die or suffer the worst tortures than break it. They are so straight and pure in their thinking, they are honest and generous. They would die before betraying a friend.

Another example of the cadres was after the U.S. Diemists dropped napalm on villages from planes. Napalm is a jellied gas which is thrown from a plane (like spraying D.D.T.) and once it hits you it cannot be taken off. The more you scratch it the worse it gets. It burns through the skin like acid and either kills people or leaves them permanently crippled. When napalm hits, the skin on your body melts like candle wax. The local agents would say that the planes were "Kim Phiar" (the fire bird god) and that this god was punishing the tribes people for being so disobedient because they wouldn't sell their lands or crops. The tribes people believed this until the N. L. F. (National Liberation Front) cadres shot a few fire birds (planes) and the people found U.S. or Diemist (Vietnamese vendidos) pilots inside of them. The majority of the tribes-people supported the "Viet Minh" and now the N.L.F. all the way. Their slogan is "Anti-Puppet, Anti-imperialist" and this the tribes support with all their hearts.

In the war against the French, quite a bit of land was taken away from the rich absentee landlords and given to the landless campesinos. When Diem got in power, he and the U.S. made many plans and schemes to get this land back. After they got it, they wanted the people who had been living on the land to pay them back rents. People refused to put their thumbprints on their land documents. When they refused to pay backrents and put their thumbprints on these documents, the police and army units went to the people's houses to harass them. Finally the people got so tired of the debts and so discouraged that they ran away to the jungle in order to make new villages and a new life where they couldn't be bothered.

Don't all these tactics sound familiar to you? The way the U.S. Government robbed our ancestors of their land? The forests were ours once, too. And what are they doing with it now? Making billions of dollars with the wood and minerals and ski resorts from OUR forests. These tactics sound so familiar to me, especially how they would cheat our ancestors into signing an X (not a thumbprint) on their documents and make them believe they were signing for a crop of beans or credit in a store. It just makes me realize that these books are great and that they really have the facts. I realize that if this government can cheat and deceive its own people, it makes sense that they could do it in other countries too.

We cannot exactly separate when the Vietnamese fought against the French and when they began fighting the U.S., since in so many ways the war is the same except that the people fought against two different countries--but alway for the same reason. We can't even say exactly how the U.S. got so deeply into the war.

We do know that after the French (helped by the U.S.) were beaten, the U.S. was still sending in a few thousand so-called "advisors," who were really military and C.I.A. police agents. They helped the Vietnamese vendidos organize their army and police to wipe out the people working for a better government. But the Diem government was so bad that more and more people started protesting against it and fighting it. Meanwhile, up in the north, the society built by Ho Chi Minh was growing stronger and better all the time. The U.S. sent in troops, and more troops, to help the vendidos in the South, until today there are about half a million.

We have to ask: Why do our boys go to fight in Vietnam? Why do they go into the armed forces at all? The people they are sent to fight are poor people, just like us. Why go to fight people who are in an even worse situation than we are? Is that what you want to become, a tool to kill and rob poor people? The rich have always used the Divide and Conquer method. They are using it now. They are using the poor people of this nation to go and fight with the poor in Vietnam and other countries.

And it could get even worse. Someday you might be sent to kill people even more like yourself--people who speak Spanish and eat tortillas and love their families. Even if you don't get sent to kill the Vietnamese, you may be sent to kill other poor people.



EVEN THE OLD ARE MISTREATED BY THE YANQUI INVADERS

Hermanos: WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE?

por VALENTINA DE EL GRITO DEL NORTE ESPANOLA, NEW MEXICO

I didn't know anything about this war. People would say the "Vietnam War" and it was just another word; they would say "undeclared war" and I didn't even know what it meant, but I did know that all kinds of people I knew were going to fight this war. I didn't know anything about this war except what they told us about fighting Communism. Then I read a really interesting book called **Vietnam: The Inside Story of the Guerilla War** *by Wilfred Burchett, and another,* **Vietnam, Vietnam** *by Felix Greene. These two books gave me facts about the Vietnam War.*

Now when I hear that a boy of our Raza, a poor boy, a boy who doesn't know anything about the Vietnam War, has been drafted or enlists, it burns me, I feel terrible. I say to myself: why, why are you going to fight in this war? Is it because that's the only way you can find to make a living? Or is it because you're tired of your little home town and parents and you want to "see the world"? Or maybe because you want to impress the girls with your uniform? Or because you're afraid to have your buddies and girl friends call you chicken?

And is it also because you don't know anything about the war?

When writing his book Burchett spent 10 months with the N.L.F. guerrilla fighters, misnamed by the government and press here the "Viet Cong Vietnamese Communists." His life was endangered many times but when a reporter wants the people to know the truth his life isn't important. It's like a person who gives his life to the Causa. He doesn't care whether he gets killed if this means in the end he will get justice and liberation and the truth to the people.

How and why did we get involved in this unjust war? All of a sudden we wake up and here we are all involved in a war. They are sending our brothers and cousins to a war that we don't know anything about. Let's see what Burchett and Greene have to tell us.

For a long time the Vietnamese have been fighting against oppression and imperialsim. (Imperialism is when a large country, like the United States, exploits the people and natural resources of a smaller country.) Before fighting this war against the U.S., they were fighting against the French imperialists and before that, the Japanese. The U.S. people's tax money paid 80% of the cost of France's war, Why did this country do that? In a 1953 speech in Seattle, President Eisenhower said that 400 million dollars to help the French was not a giveaway program; it was just the cheapest way to prevent something terrible happening to the U.S. security, and its power and ability to get certain things (like tin and tungsten) from the riches of Southeast Asia. So this is the reason why we got into Vietnam in the first place.

Then the Vietnamese defeated the French at Dien Bien Phu, and the French pulled out all their troops and agreed to have a peace conference in Geneva, Switzerland. All the big powers signed the Geneva Agreement in 1954—except the U.S. and the Vietnamese rulers who were vendidos to the French. But they did promise not to violate the agreement by force or threat of force.



VIETNAMESE SISTER DEALING WITH IMPERIALISTS



PEASANT WOMAN MOURNS THE DESTRUCTION OF HER VILLAGE BY YANQUI TROOPS

These were the three main points of the agreement:

1) Everybody agreed that the separation of Vietnam into two parts—north and south—was not a final arrangement. (This division was supposedly to allow the French troops to regroup in the South and leave the country, and it was accepted in good faith by the Vietnamese who had fought against the French.)

2) Elections would be held within 2 years to make sure that the country would be re-unified.

3) In the meantime, neither the North nor the South would make any international alliances or receive military help from the outside.

Naturally the French wanted to try to keep some influence in Vietnam, and the U.S. wanted to make sure that the government stayed under control. So without any consultation with the Vietnamese people, the U.S. saw to it that a rich landowner, then living in the U.S., became President. His name was Ngo Dinh Diem.

Diem soon proved himself to be the worst of dictators, savagely repressing any opposition. Just 12 days after the Geneva Agreement was signed, an event happened in Saigon. The people had a huge demonstration mainly to celebrate the signing of the agreement, with lots of cheering. They also presented demands for the release of political prisoners from the war against the French. Diem was against that, because he knew those prisoners wanted a better government than his. His reply to the people's demands came in a volley of rifle fire. A pregnant woman was shot through the stomach and people were killed. That showed people the nature of the Diem regime. Diem's army forces would surround villages, then search, raid, arrest, torture and kill anyone at all who was against the rich people in power. Many people who had done absolutely nothing were also victimized. Diem wanted to erase any thought or experience of the first resistance against the French. At one point he wanted to make a list of the people who had taken part in the resistance, but it was impossible because almost every ablebodied man, woman and child took part—from an old man to a child big enough to carry a message or a parcel.

Diem started a "Denounce Communists campaign." If a wife had taken part in the resistance, the couple was forced to divorce and remarry in order to prove they were sincere. Some husbands went to jail without any hope of coming out again. Some people had their families taken to jail and these people were never heard from again. They weren't even given a trial. Thousands and thousands were killed this way.

1956 came and went and there were no elections, as had been promised to the Vietnamese people. President Eisenhower said that if there would have been elections, *possibly 80% of the population*

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Letter from NELSON

Nelson Rodriquez, one of the seven wrote this letter to one of the sisters in Los Siete.

9 de Agosto 1969

Mi hermana,

Writing in a foreign language is a bring down, but when you want to express all the love and gratitude you hold for your people you just have to do with what you have. Which isn't much we have in here, but I know I have more than enough, the love and support of our people, which is all we want and need to keep going.

It is hard to say all the things I would like to say in 2 pieces of paper that we are allowed to write in, but I can say this, it comes from the bottom of my heart, as for our ninos they are getting lessons in life, thanks to hard working brothers and sisters like the people that have come forward to our defence, but our people must also learn that we are not the only Political Prisoners in this jail. All Third World Brothers here have committed the crime of "being hungry". So the modern day slave driver classifys them as a menace to society...they must be liberated, also our people must also come to their defense. They must not be forgotten.

I have to close now that I have used up the two pages I'm allowed to write. Please thank all my Brothers and Sisters. Give them all my love and gratitude.

Recibe el amor de tu Hermano

Nelson



SOCCER WAR? - OR - LANDLORDS' WAR?

LOS SIETE

In July newspapers were filled with stories about the so-called "soccer war" between El Salvador and Honduras. The two countries went to war after rioting broke out durfng a soccer series between Hondurans and Salvadoreans. At least that's what the newspapers said. As with rioting in this country there is always more behind the story than the newspapers print.

Many people in the Mission are Salvadoreans, and some are Hondurans, and they know better than anyone else that their people would not go to war because of a soccer game. They know that the people of both countries have all the frustrations and problems of people who are kept poor and hungry by a handful of rich families who own all the land, and are kept from taking what should be theirs by a repressive dictatorship that serves only the rich. They also know that behind the rich families and the military dictatorships of their countries stands the U.S. government and the giant corporations of this country.

Here are a few facts about the the two countries--the kind of facts the Chronicle or the Examiner would never give. One(1) percent of El Salvador's population owns 40% of the land. Most of the arable, coffee producing region is owned by a notorious elite of 14 families. Seeking employment and land over 300,000 Salvadoreans (out of a population of 3.4 million) have left their country to settle in neighboring Honduras where most of them have become squatters.

Meanwhile in Honduras, the situation was not much better. Again a combination of rich families and repressive dictators have owned or controlled most of the land. When the poor Hondurans demanded land reform, the rich landowners blamed the Salvadorean immigrants for the shortage of land, claiming there would be enough for the Hondurans if the Salvadoreans would leave.

In El Salvador, the military-backed regime of Fidel Sanchez Hernandez has been on shaky ground since last year when a united front of reform-minded workers, students and priests tried to topple the government. The only result of their attempt was a promise of land re-distribution, which of course never happened. In order to prevent another attempt by the people to over throw his regime, Hernandez used newspapers and the radio to spread stories of "atrocities" against Salvadoreans in Honduras.

By the time the soccer series got under way the landowners and the governments of both countries had used all the tricks they knew to set the poor people of both countries against each other. As long as the poor fight among themselves, the rich will stay on top, owning all the land, controlling the government and the newspapers.

It's easy to see the same thing here in this country. The poor whites are told every day in the newspapers and by people in government that things would be better for them if the blacks amd Latin people weren't around. High taxes are blamed on Welfare and not on tax-exempt corporations and the high cost of killing in Vietnam. They even try to set the black and brown people against each other, blaming one for the other's poverty. And all the people of this country are told that everything would be all right, there would be peace and plenty for all, if only it wasn't for the Chinese, or the Russians, or the Cubans, or the Vietnamese, or the Koreans.

It is only a matter of time before the Honduran and Salvadorean people realize who their real enemies are and unite against them. The same is true for the rest of Latin America, and the same is true here in the United States. The people are beginning to see who's lying and who's telling the truth, and when the people overthrow the liars who rule here and in Latin America so that they can rule themselves there will be no rich and no poor, no bosses and no slave wage laborers, no brutal police and no victims of repression.



"The End of the World," an illustration by the Mexican engraver Jose Guadalupe Posada

The Sisters Speak

We of Los Siete are working to defend seven brothers accused of defending themselves against an armed assault by plainclothes policemen.

Sisters don't understand that they should struggle as well as men, because brothers treat them in an inferior way that makes them feel like their not capable of doing thinking jobs.

We the sisters should play an equal role in the whole organization of Los Siete, because we are the mans other half, not better, not worse, but equal!

I suggest the brothers and the sisters get along better so that they can get together and contribute ideas to help the third world people and Los Siete.

As we said once before sisters should understand the struggle to help all the oppressed people of the community. In order to succeed, we need all the sisters and brothers united!

Los Siete is working together with the Breakfast for Children Program but so far only a few sisters have shown up to help. There are a lot of hungry children to feed so we could use more sisters' help.

Los Siete needs the ideas and help of all the sisters and brothers in the community because united we will work to conquer all the problems of the community and the people.

FREE LOS SIETE
BROTHERS AND SISTERS UNITED



The guns spell money's ultimate reason
In letters of lead on the Spring hillside.
But the boy lying dead under the olive trees
Was too young and too silly
To have been notable to their important eye.
He was a better target for a kiss.

—(the Spanish Civil War)

LA RAZA FEEDS HER CHILDREN



Jeffrey Blankfort photo

By JUAN LOPEZ

SAN FRANCISCO — In the early morning haze of a warm day to come, the first children passed the sign reading "La Raza Breakfast Program," as they trickled into the Cabaret, a movement restaurant on Valencia and 14th streets.

Across the street Latino women were pouring into a garment factory.

Once inside the younger children sat at the tables, their heads still sagging with sleep, as the older teenagers helped the cooks and servers, relatives of the children and community workers.

The bananas got sliced in two, the eggs slapped on the grill, as the toast popped from the toasters and the bacon sizzled.

"Somebody serve me!" yelled a youngster as another one just finished dropping on the floor a couple of half-bananas on a paper plate.

The program, sponsored by La Raza Breakfast Program and People's Breakfast Program, a white radical group, came to life June 16 at the Cabaret and a week later at St. Peter's Church at 1249 Alabama. Members of the defense committee for "Los Siete de la Raza ("The Seven of the Race" who were charged with the murder of a San Francisco policeman) took the initiative for the program.

PROGRAM GROWS

I visited the program at the church three days after its inception; and despite the adverse spread the day before in the capitalist press about the "kill the pig" coloring book supposedly given to kids in the Black Panther breakfast program, the number of children in La Raza's breakfast increased from 50 on the first day to 115 on the third.

At the Cabaret it had increased from 20 to 65, and more were expected.

Nobody could have sat idly if they had wanted to. There was too much to be done.

The teenagers were needed to help the cooks and servers, the older children to keep the younger ones seated until they finished their meals, and the young ones, in one case anyway, to wipe the snot running from her baby sister's nose.

"I'M HUNGRY"

The majority of the kids were Latino, some black and a few Anglo. Some wore what were obviously hand-me-downs and others the latest in children's clothes.

For a while I joined a couple, Carmen and her younger brother. "How come you're here to eat?" I asked.

Roy, 6, replied, "Because I'm hungry. Because I'm very hungry. You know why I came here, because I don't want to waste my mother's food."

Few kids are starving. And yet there are a lot of kids who need food, I was assured by Albert Martinet, an organizer for the breakfast program.

As we sat over a newsprint mantled table, Martinet explained that the program provides the greatest help for families on welfare, many without a father at home, who are relieved of putting together one meal a day. "We may already be helping with money for rent," said Martinet.

Martinet added, "Reagan in the future is going to put a freeze on the welfare check, which means the people are really going to be hurt. More hurt than they have been."

The most common method used to raise the funds and food for the program is donations from merchants and businesses in the Mission district and throughout the city.

"We go with community people, mostly kids, and we go to the big manufacturers," Martinet said. "The purpose is for us to go and ask for contributions from the man who's been making money off our community and ask him to put some of that money back. The response is typical. We get the liberal bullshit. Token contributions."

Several of the food industries have cooperated with the program, but not Safeway. It has refused to donate the $100 a month asked by the breakfast program. Members of the program continue to go back for food and money, but as soon as they get more personnel they intend to join in with the farm workers and the Panthers to form a larger base for the boycott of Safeway.

Marinet, 28, who never lost a chance to demonstrate his affection for the children, talked impatiently, with an eye on the breakfast scene.

Now his arm being tugged by a young boy, Martinet explained that by taking the kids along to get donations, the kids see the system at work. He added that the purpose of the program is to first feed the kids and in the process to raise the level of social consciousness in the community.

As soon as the children gobbled their food, they rushed from their chairs to play on the stage or in the open space of the auditorium. Unlike the Panthers, La Raza program makes no attempt to hold any formal educaiton at its breakfasts.

"We're not organized to do anything about it yet," Martinet explained.

At the church, the staff is all Latinos. At the Cabaret where the staff is predominantly white and the children more or less equally represented as to ethnic group, staff members occasionally get an education in ethnic culture in odd ways.

A Latino kid suddenly sprang from the table, darted across the path of a young Anglo man, reached across the counter for something. When he didn't find what he was looking for, he turned towards the young man and said:

"Can I have some chili?"

"What?"

"Chili!"

"Oh! you mean that hot sauce?"

Contributions may be made to c/o Linda Pérez, Horizons Unlimited, 1249 Alabama.

Breakfast is served from 8:30 through 10.

BLACK BERET JEFE BUSTED

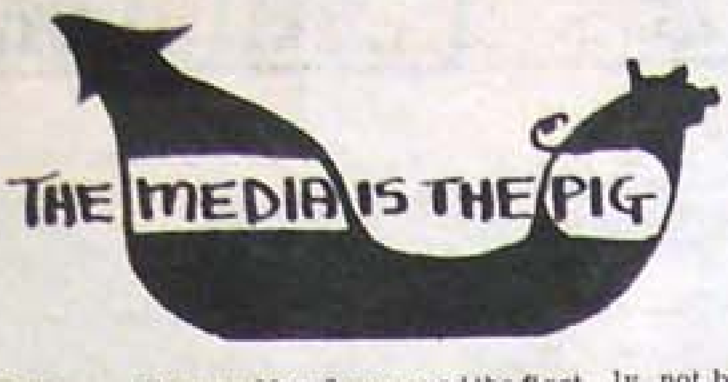
Sal Candelaria, militant organizer of East San Jose's Black Berets, has been taken to the Vacaville Medical Facility for examination prior to his sentencing on charges stemming from an incident on February 16 at the University of Santa Clara. (See Observer, Feb. 26). On the night of February 16, Sal and two other Black Berets were on their way to a party at the Mexican-American Student Confederation Office at the University of Santa Clara. (See Observer, Feb. 26). As they walked by a men's dormitory, some students leaned out of the windows, threw garbage and water at them, and shouted insults. The Chicanos challenged the Gringo students to come down and fight. A large crowd poured out of the dormitory. For self-defense, one of the Chicanos got a .22 from the trunk of his car. The police were called, and the students retreated to the safety of their dormitory.

The police promptly arrested Sal and his companions. Sal was tried in mid-May by former corporation lawyer Judge John Longinotti. He was found innocent on a charge of burglary of a car, but guilty on charges of resisting arrest, possession of a loaded firearm on a public street in an incorporated city, and assault with a deadly weapon. The latter charge is a felony. In the course of the trial, Longinotti refused to hear testimony on the racist insults that provoked the incident.

Following his conviction, Sal was released on bail pending sentencing. Then at the demonstration against the Fiesta de las Rosas on June 14, he was picked up again, this time on a charge of disturbing the peace. He was whisked out of his holding cell at the jail and taken to Agnews Hospital for observation--on the pretext that he had been shouting incoherently in Spanish and English during the demonstration. Actually, he had been shouting to people to "cool it" in order to prevent violence by the police. His removal to Agnews was simply a way of separating him from the rest of the demonstrators. The plan back-fired, however. A doctor talked to him the morning following his arrest, saw that he was obviously sane, and ordered his immediate release.

Sal was then sent to Vacaville for examination so that Judge Longinotti could set the sentence in light of the entire social, political and psychological context of the case. Longinotti may consider Sal's community activities as a mitigating factor. Or he could consider them as a threat to the class that Longinotti represents. In any case, Sal will be out of the action for a while, and the Black Berets will have to develop new leadership. FROM THE MIDPENINSULA OBSERVER

The Chronicle and LOS SIETE





The San Francisco Chronicle's coverage of Los Siete actually began the week before Joe Brodnik's death. On April 25 there appeared a front page article by Birney Jarvis, with the subdued headline, "A Gang's Terror in the Mission". Jarvis' story began, "A loose knit gang of idlers and hoodlums are slowly closing a fist of fear around the business life of a once bustling Mission District neighborhood.

"So pervasive has the fear become , it is a virtual act of heroism for merchants to complain to police. Most storeowners in the area flatly refuse to talk to outsiders about the situation.

"It would still be a skeleton in in the neighborhood closet--to be whispered about when no strangers are around--if it weren't for a small lady with dark frightened eyes."

This rubbish set the style of melodrama, sensationalism, snide generalization, vague and unsubstantiated facts, and just plain insults that characterized Chronicle coverage of the Mission for the next two weeks. Jarvis wrote later in the same article, "Businessmen...complain of almost daily harrassment and intimidation." He never said which businessmen or what percentage of businessmen.

Two mitigating articles followed. In the first, Jarvis quoted some poverty workers who took exception to the tone of his original article because it made all Latin kids sound like hoodlums. He referred to the poverty workers as "idealistic young men and women who are trying to help Mexican-American youth in San Francisco." Clearly, his implication was that they were not only idealistic but foolish to try to help such worthless characters.

In the second article, a group of local merchants themselves denied the charges and apologized to Nelson Rodriquez, as one of the kids who had been slandered. But, as the defense committee says in its newspaper, Basta Ya! ("Enough!") "It makes no difference that the lie was exposed. The rulers used the story to turn the rest of the city against us, and Mayor Alioto announced the formation of a new 160 man squad of police to deal with these 'punks'. The police now had a blank check for terror in our community."

Then on May 2 appeared the first of the Chronicle's articles on Los Siete de la Raza, that is, the six boys presently in jail and charged with Brodnik's murder, and the one wanted for murder, but still at large. Immediately their guilt was assumed. The banner head began, "Gang escapes siege..." and and the story read, "One of San Francisco's most highly decorated police officers met sudden death at the hands of at least three young hoodlums..." The italics are mine. It is needless to say that an equally, if not more, objective account of the killing would have been, "One of San Francisco's most disgusting pigs died during an encounter (the details of which are unknown) with at least three young students who are well known and respected in their community."

The article quoted a police inspector as saying there was "sufficient evidence to show that the gang was responsible for numerous thefts during the past months." and pursued the matter no further. It assumed from the start that the tv and stereo the boys were taking from a car into the Rios house were stolen; and by implication, that this was one of a series of robberies committed by the "gang". Nowhere, in this or future articles, were the theft charges corroborated.

Not until the end of May 2 article did the reader learn that Mc Goran and Brodnik were not in uniform, but informal dress; they were not driving a police car but a battered old vehicle. The article never suggested that the officers might have threatened or bullied the boys. There was a scuffle and then Brodnik was dead--killed, as it later turned out, with McGoran's gun. Since the incident was obviously unpremeditated, it is at least as feasible that Brodnik was shot accidentally by his partner as by one of the "hoodlums". Not being in uniform, McGoran probably had his gun hidden. He must have produced it before it could have been taken from in. In a violent situation, it could have gone off while still in his hand.

The May 2 Chronicle also carried a feature on Brodnik and McGoran who were known as the Mission Eleven." They "were among the most respected law enforcement teams in San Francisco," it says, though it does not say by whom they were respected. Clearly, not by the community they were supposedly serving.

The article described some of the accomplishments of the Mission Eleven. They distributed leaflets to residents of the Twin Peaks area warning them of the times of greatest burglary threat to homes and requesting that they report suspicious people in the neighborhood...As a team, the two officers arrested a prominent Methodist minister in a Mission district steam room, where, they testified later, he made homosexual advances to them."

Birney Jarvis had his say again in the May 2 Chronicle. He wrote up a bedside interview with McGoran and his words, as usual, were loaded:

"McGoran, speaking painfully through swaths of bandages, said from his hospital bed yesterday that the gang that killed his partner turned the smoking gun on him and emptied it at point blank range..Incredibly, the heavy slugs from the .41 magnum revolver..missed the beaten, bloodied officer as he tried to crawl to safety" (my italics). When the revolver was found, it reportedly had four slugs left in it. Apparrently the police forgot that it was emptied at McGoran.

This was only one of the many contradictions in the scanty serving up of facts. At first, McGorn "positively identified" Nelson Rodriquez (along with Jose Rios) as being at the scene. But when the boys were caught, it was Jose, Mario, and Gary who were arraigned first. It became increasinly clear that Nelson, "positively identified" by McGoran a few days earlier, wasn't even there.

On May 3, that 150 man "crime-busting " detail was the featured item, having just completed its first night in action. "Most of their job," the Chronicle said, " centers around stopping suspicious characters and making sure they are not involved in illegal activity." In other words stop a kid kid and see what you can bust him for.

Underneath the article on the new cop patrol was the headline, "Huge Search for Killers of Policeman". Again, guilt was assumed. Described in the early edition as "Latin hippie types," the suspects were in the final edition simply "Latin types". The following Monday (Brodnik's funeral) was declared a day of mourning and flags were ordered flown at half mast. Acting Mayor Ron Pelosi, in a eulogy to Brodnik, contributed to the already overflowing slop: "on a sunlit street not far from his home, (Brodnik) offered his life again. And lost it." Once more generalizations were made without evidence, for there was nothing to indicate that Brodnik had offered his life. He simply lost it.

The sickening spectacle went on and on. Chronicle of May 6, front page: "Rites for an Idealist Cop". "Officer Joe Brodnik, killed by Noe Valley thieves..."

"It was Officer McGoran's gun tht th hoodlums grbbed to kill Officer Brodnik. No one blamed McGoran--but the deep lines on his badly bruised face as he limped up the church steps yesterday gave evidence that he was still wondering: "What if..."

Archbishop McGucken paused beside the hearse to try, with words, to dry daughter Colleen's tears. It almost worked."

Chronicle of May 8, front page: "photos identified: Cop Killing Evidence". The photos in question were not taken at the scene of the killing, as the headline implied. They were simply photos from which McGoran identified the boys. There was, incidently, no question that he knew all the boys before May 1. He said in his bedside interview with Jarvis that he that he knew them as "police characters". They already had clashed with McGoran and Brodnik in the rebellions at San Francisco State and Mission High.

The only concrete piece of evidence, McGoran's gun, was, the Chronicle said on May 10, "found near murder site". An "anonymous telephone tip" led police to the gun, hidden under a hedge on Jersey Street, about eight blocks from the shooting. The man who lives there "said he had no idea the gun was in the hedge beside his home."

Jose Rios, Mario and Tony Martinez, Nelson Rodriquez, Danilo Melendez and Gary Lescallet are in jail, charged with murder and attempted murder. The Chronicle's two weeks of smear were succesful, for the majority of San Franciscans consider at least one of them guilty, and don't much care which one. Yet real evidence is obviously lacking. The police have put the six in a cell together in hopes of overhearing incriminating chased numerous finks out of their cell and have ripped hidden microphones from the ceiling. They understand the police are trying to scare them. Thus, Nelson Rodriquez is charged with murder although Attorney Jack Berman said the police told him they know Nelson wasn't there. Clearly, the cops hope Nelson will fink out. And they also hope that the "real" killer will confess to get his innocent friends off the hook.

Meanwhile, the news media have become strangely silent about the case. A tiny article buried in the back of the Chronicle one day sai that Charlie Garry was taking the case. And occasionally an utterance of Brodnik's widow is reported, as on June 30, when she said at a Sons of Italy brunch, "We voted for capital punishment in California; please see that it's carried out", or on July 17, when she turned up in the state assembly, testifying in favor of a bill that would impose a mandatory death sentence for a policeman's murder.

This article was reprinted from dock of the bay, and was written by Marjorie Heins.

Pigs VAMP on RED BROTHERS



Every Saturday night, around midnight, they would arrive. Twenty five men and two paddy wagons. They would pull up in the alleys near the American Indian center, on 16th and Mission, and wait for their victims to come out from the Center and the nearby bars. Then they would move out, pushing, cursing, arresting all they could reach and beating those that resisted. Anyone who looked Indian, drunk or not, was swept up into the wagons, taken downtown and booked. This went on every weekend in the Mission.

Young Indians from all over the Bay Area come to the Indian Center every weekend, to be with other Indians, to drink, to dance and relieve the tensions of the alien cities and factories. Most were just off the reservations, where they were the poor but proud owners of the land. They came for the job and school opportunities promised by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. They trusted in the BIA; and their trust got them menial low-paying jobs, roach infested high rent apartments, lousy trade schools and the police, who in the words of a Mission Police Captain considered them "grown up children".

They were not prepared for the hypocrisy of American "Justice" They didn't know that they didn't have to talk; that they had a right to a lawyer; and that they didn't even have to plead guilty. So they ended up in the jails, losing their jobs, money and self respect.

Yet change is coming. A few young Indians, some from S.F State, formed the Movement of American Native Youth. They forced the cops to end their weekly arrest sweeps by letting them know they were going to defend themselves. They saw clearly that the police and the courts were not there to serve the people, but were the oppressive arm of the racist power structure. They saw how Indians were being forced off their reservations so that land speculators could move in.

They are now beginning to put together a program to serve the Indian people. The first priority is Legal Defense. They want to use money from the Friday night dances to set up a bail and lawyer fund for the brothers in the jails. Along with this they plan to start legal and political education so that their people ca deal with the true nature of this exploitative society. This is the beginning of a program that will include a future alcoholics' clinic and a newspaper. They want the Indian people to start moving to gain their right to self-determination.

RIGHT ON!
POWER TO THE PEOPLE!



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FROM THE JAILS AND PRISONS OF AMERICA



Hello, brothers and sisters.

My name is Pancho Agila and I am a prisoner of the present U.S. regime, the greatest enemy of mankind. Let me run down to you why I believe this to be true.

Whenever I look throughout this jail I see mostly dark-skinned brothers and the few white brothers that have rebelled against the social order. When we see beneath the surface, the obvious fact is that so called crime involves the theft of property or associated with property. This wave, this vangard of liberation, is on the rise, needing to be controlled and fashioned as a spearhead of people's revolution. Check these statistics out:

San Francisco, 1968
Robbery 1184
Burglary 4150
Larceny 1269
San Francisco 1969
Robbery 1771
Burglary 4783
Larceny 1432

We are here because of our ambition and need for wealth and the recognition and understanding of experience in acquiring this wealth. We believe in no more jive promises! No more lies are we going to believe! We are not going to take it! We know the power structure is constructed to keep us in poverty or servile subjugation earning money solely to survive. Can you dig it!

These brothers are out to get the wealth by any means necessary so we have expressed by our actions. We will not settle for the life of invisible men, lost among the throngs of humanity. We are here, and see what is here and will have what is here to the maximum.

There is one predominately felt thing running rampant through this world of ambition and need, that I must comment upon. We are too quick to turn upon one another in our fight for survival. We must realize that we are all of the dispossessed sector of society and can never overcome our condition by remaining at each other's throats in our fight for the goods of the society.

We must begin to understand that we are kept in our condition because of this capitalist pyramidal-economic structure where the powerful few at the top hoard the wealth at any, and all, cost of us at the bottom. This ruling class that strongly supports "Law and Order" has the awareness that the revolutionary masses are increasingly reaching realization and revolutionary consciousness, that they are the ones guilty of crimes against humanity.

We must no longer rob and steal from one another but unite together in one fight against the greatest of all criminals. This being the ruling class hoarding such unbelievable wealth they could never possibly use and their "Law and Order", in reality their mercenary army against the struggle of the oppressed people We must know our enemy!

We, that are captured through out the jails and prisons of America, are essentially colonial dark-skinned subjects living outside the capitalist-imperialist government by reason of racism or white brothers by reason of class exploitation by the ruling class and the white middle class that unknowingly or knowingly share the profits of exploitation.

We of the dark skin are in essence the colonial revolution within the heartland of this imperialistic empire. We find that we must increasingly ally ourselves with the oppressed light skinned peoples of the land in our march for power, riches and freedom. We are a cancer that has begun to grow in breadth and power. The jails and prisons, that are, in fact, the concentration camps, are overspilling and the agents of the revolt escaping to freedom and spreading the gospel of this unity.

We must unite for the time is not far when the final solution to so called crime (in actuality the liberation of goods or money property from the social order designed to exclude us) will be the extermination of us the exploited colonial people of dark skins or oppressed of light skins that have the courage to fight and take what is ours. We shall have justice to the people!

Not only is our plight to be understood by economic exploitation. but by political oppression also. We are sent under pain of prison to fight and suppress the colonial revolutionary movement of Africa, asia, and Latin America, which is one and the same with our own revolutionary movement. We are used to destroy their struggle to help the strangling and sucking gold of U.S. imperialists company in conspiracy with their national ruling class that keeps them in hunger and poverty. We who fight these brothers are suckers twice. We are used to kill the colonial people in revolt and are killed on the battle line ourselves, yet it is the same enemy responsible for both our condition. We are chumps in a double cross played on us by this U.S. ruling class and the government that protects them.

We must not fight our brothers in the colonial world but remain to fight at home for our life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. These are our undeniable rights and not privileges. We will have one day a world where all the powers, riches, and freedom shall be equally shared and enjoyed by all. This is the world that's coming! The only world that must come! The watch word is unity now!

VENCEREMOS!

Pancho Agila

PANCHO AGUILA WAS CONVICTED OF FIRST DEGREE MURDER AND SENTENCED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT.

Letter from Bebe

Danilo Melendez (Bebe) one of the seven wrote this letter to one of the sisters in Los Siete.

August 5, 1969

I guess you know as well as I do what went down in court today. I don't feel down about it because I know my people are behind us all the way. That is why I'm so proud I was born BROWN, Because La Raza always sticks together because she cannot lose one of her sons or daughters. In a way and all the way we need La Raza and La Raza needs us.

Well, we have to wait another 2 months in the Bastille waiting to go to court. I can righteously say now how Brother Eldridge felt when he wrote "Soul on Ice".

I am glad that we have sisters like yourself, you sister, Donna, Corrine and many others, because the female sex is the backbone of the struggle, a struggle that has to be victorious! Without the sisters to help the brothers, we would be weak. I'm so glad that you are that's what we are all doing, fighting for our rights. And we have such good looking sisters.

So I'll close now saying keep the Brotherhood and the Sisterhood united with faith!

Love,
Uno de Los Siete
Bebe
Danilo Melendez

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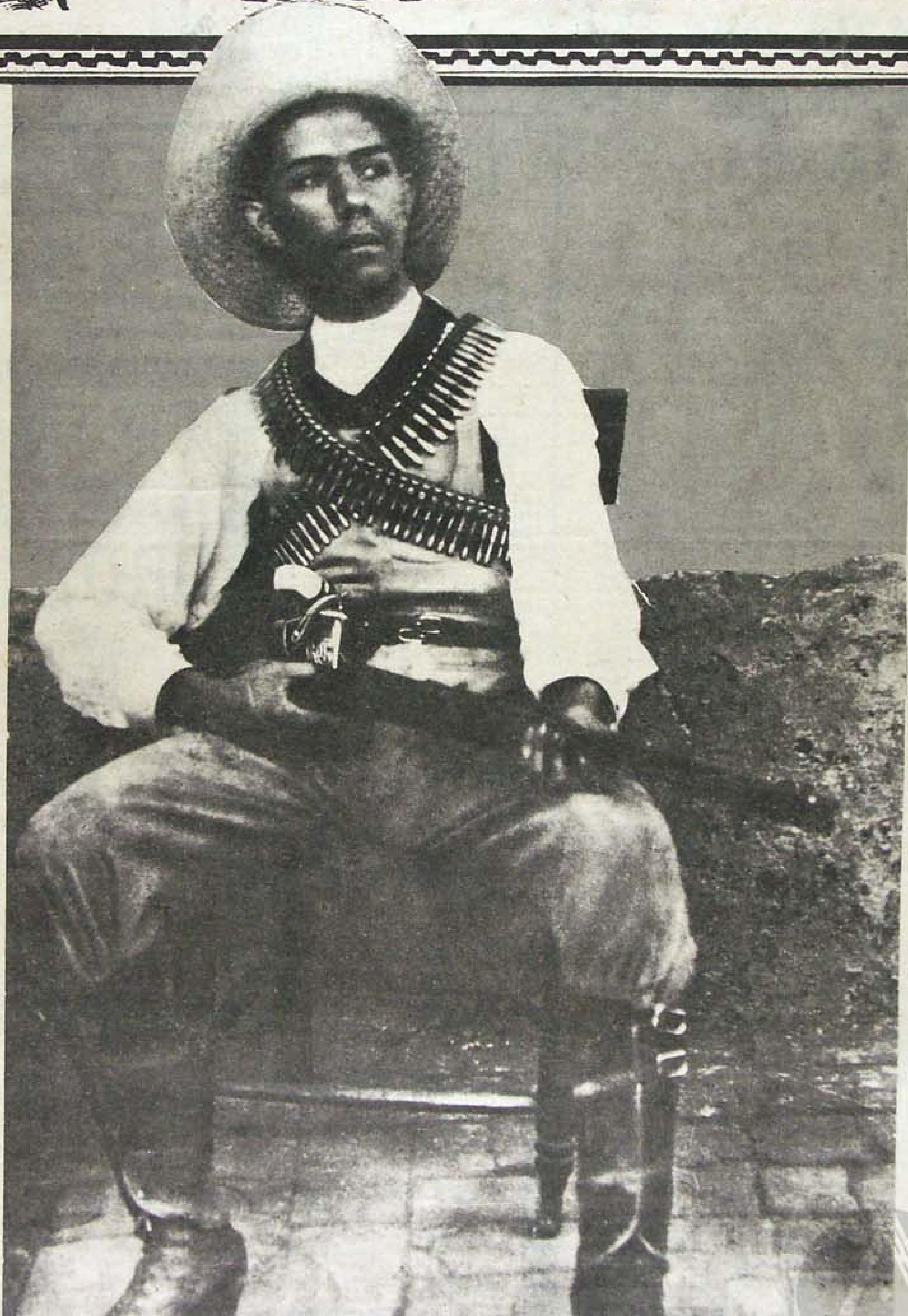
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